Ninth Annual

Souvenir

Old Timers Picnic

New Castle Pa.

1915

OLD TIMERS

NINTH ANNUAL PICNIC

(BIG RUN FALLS)

New Castle, Pennsylvania

Thursday, August 19, 1915

Residents of New Castle and Immediate Vicinity Previous to 1861, with Their Families, Their Descendents and Their Families, are Invited.

THE First Annual Picnic of the Old Timers, (residents of New Castle and immediate vicinity previous to 1861, with their families, their descendants and their families,) was held at Cascade Park Friday, August 23, 1907, with an attendance of seven thousand.

It was a success in every way, and such a pleasure to every one participating that it has been continued as an annual affair and is, without doubt, the greatest day in the year for New Castle. Persons of every caste, color, creed and politics—old and young, rich and poor, meet and mingle on this day as old friends and neighbors. The old people especially look forward to this day as the day of all days. Old timers have come from as far as California to meet their friends at this picnic, and this souvenir will go to almost every State in the Union to some old resident.

The attendance in 1908 was 11,000; 1909, 17,000; 1911, 10,000; 1912, 16,000; 1913, 15,000; 1914, 11,000. The condition of the weather having much to do with the attendance of the old people.

The following committee has had general charge of the arrangements, souvenirs and expense of the different picnics.

WELLS B. CLENDENIN, Chairman J. S. DUSHANE, Secretary

SCOTT D. LONG, Treasurer

HARVEY E. MCGOUN DAVID I. CAMPBELL DR. JAMES K. POLLOCK

WILLIAM L. MCCONNELL

CHARLES C. SANKEY, Deceased

NEW CASTLE was plotted April, 1798, by John Carlysle Stewart. The town was bounded on the east by Apple Alley; on the south by Neshannock Creek and the street now called Lawrence; on the west by Shenango River, and on the North by an alley one hundred and sixty feet north of North Street.

The first permanent residence built on this plot was built in 1801. The first brick house built by Crawford White, northeast corner Grant Avenue and Jefferson Street. First stone house by Arthur Chenowith—Old Stone Corner.

The first grist mill, near New Castle, was built by John Elliott at the intersection of North Street and Neshannock Creek in 1803. It was partially destroyed by a flood in the same year. Nicholas Vaneman rebuilt the dam and mill.

The first "addition" to the town was Gillespie's extending from Apple Alley to a line east of East Street.

The first store was opened by Joseph T. Boyd at the corner of West Washington Street and South Diamond Alley in 1804, site of the new Young Men's Christian Association building. Boyd was the first Postmaster and introduced "Free Delivery." When he received mail he put into his hat and delivered it to his customers. He sold his store to Patrick Wilson.

The first tannery was built by Isaac Townsend near North and Shenango Street.

Cornelius Hendrickson had the first ferry, where the "State Road," west end of North Street, intersected the Shenango River, about 1801.

The first death was that of John Wilson, who lived east of the town site. He was accidentally killed in 1803.

The first doctor was John Dickey. He died in the army during the war of 1812.

The first Justice of the Peace was J. C. Stewart.

The first blacksmith was William Munnell.

The Presbyterians built the first church in 1804.

Many of the early settlers on the "site" were Quakers and "French Huguenots." In the vicinity the Scoth-Irish predominated.

The first hotel was the "Red Lion," built prior to 1807, by Robert Wallace. Now No. 25 and 27 East Washington Street.

The first bridge over the Shenango was built by subscription by the citizens in 1815.

The first bridge over the Neshannock was built in 1827, by subscription also.

The village was made a borough March 25, 1825. The first burgess was Robert McConahy.

The first newpaper was the New Castle Register, David Crawford editor and proprietor, December, 1826.

The Erie Canal was completed from Rochester to New Castle in November, 1833.

The first canal boat, the "Alpha," was built and owned by Captain William McMillen.

The first fire company was organized September 29, 1836. Wm. Dickson, Captain.

The first iron works, the "Cosala," was built in 1838 by James D. White.

The first "city directory" was issued in 1841, with 144 names.

The first barber shop—Thomas Berry—1844.

The first "daguerreian gallery"—Richmond and Pomeroy—1847.

The County of Lawrence—September 1, 1849.

The first telegraph office—1849.

The first court convened in the M. E. Church January 7, 1850—Hon. John Bredin, Judge

Court House built 1850-52.

The first secret society, Shenango Lodge, 195 I. O. O. F., instituted October 20, 1846.

The first Masonic Lodge—Mahoning Lodge 243—1850.

The first bank—Dickson & McClymonds—1851.

The first Teachers' Institute, October 27, 1852.

The first County Fair, October 9, 1852.

The CITY OF NEW CASTLE February 25, 1869.

The first Mayor—Thomas B. Morgan.

The first blast furnace, "Sophia"—1853.

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of Members of our first committees, who have since departed this life. The Honorary Committee were all over seventy years of age.

Honorary Committee Men

1 Jos. S. White
2 James A. Addis
3 David S. Morris, Esq.
4 William F. Douds
5 Luther Sample
6 Maurice W. Cox
7 William Becker
8 John Elder, Sr.
9 Ephraim Hoover
10 William Griffith
11 Robert B. McComb
12 M. S. Marquis
13 Joseph Douthett
14 Aaron L. Hazen
15 Amzi B. White
16 Thomas Marshall
17 Andrew Hutton
18 Hamilton R. Dunlap
19 Nathaniel Norris
20 George W. Shaffer
21 J. G. Fulkerson
22 Samuel Morehead
23 Paisley Robinson
24 Samuel Perry
25 David Hoover
26 Robert McClelland
27 Charles Hess
28 James Whippo
29 C. P. Norris
30 Wm. P. Butler
31 John Brock
32 John Crips
33 Leander Raney
34 Dr. J. N. Emery
35 Charles C. Sankey
36 Wm. C. Robinson
37 Robert Patterson
38 Wm. H. McCandless
39 Joseph Harris, Sr.
40 Wm. Vogan
41 John H. Orr
42 John Shumacker
43 Thos. J. Edgar
44 Thomas Waddington
45 C. L. White
46 Hiram Merriman
47 J. D. Wood
48 G. M. Permar
49 Fred Schefenocker
50 Thomas Fee
51 Capt. John Gibson
52 James Russell
53 Jacob Masonheimer
54 Samuel Wilkinson
55 Jacob Bender
56 Michael Pitzer
57 David McClelland
58 Andrew Brown
59 Geo. R. Graham
60 Alexander Richardson
61 Geo. V. Morrow
62 J. W. Pflug
63 John W. Walters
64 Fred King
65 David Cooper
66 Jacob Barge
67 Henry Drescher
68 Arthur McKeever
69 John Becker

Honorary Committee Women

1 Mrs. H. H. Morehead
2 Mrs. Angeline Cubbison
3 Mrs. Delilah Duffy
4 Mrs. John S. Taggart
5 Mrs. Harriet Levis
6 Mrs. D. S. Morris
7 Mrs. J. C. Hanna
8 Mrs. B. Raub
9 Mrs. Hugh McComb
10 Mrs. Jacob Rummell
11 Mrs. Maria Crowther
12 Mrs. George Bishop
13 Mrs. A. S. Long
14 Mrs. Barbara Genkinger
15 Mrs. W. N. Aiken
16 Mrs. J. P. Leslie
17 Mrs. J. J. Wallace
18 Mrs. Henry Young
19 Mrs. John Blevins
20 Mrs. Webster Justice
21 Mrs. Jane McGittigan
22 Mrs. R. L. Gaston
23 Mrs. J. N. Fallis
24 Mrs. Lorenzo Baughman
25 Mrs. Robert Cochran
26 Mrs. Martha Hamilton
27 Mrs. Jennie Morrow
28 Mrs. M. S. Marquis
29 Mrs. Mary Burgess
30 Mrs. T. J. Hall
31 Mrs. John Marshall
32 Mrs. Addison Rudisill
33 Mrs Sarah V. Gill
34 Mrs. Ellen Feeley
35 Mrs. Stillman Briggs
36 Mrs. James Young
37 Miss Mary Robinson
38 Miss Margaret Boyd
39 Mrs. J. J. Cook
40 Miss Mary Horner
41 Mrs. John Grimes
42 Mrs. M. A. Hartman
43 Mrs. Casper Ott
44 Mrs. Thomas Marshall
45 Mrs. Caroline D. Mick
46 Mrs. Daniel McDaniel
47 Mrs. Jane Whinnery
48 Mrs. Mary Robinson
49 Miss Clara E. McMillen
50 Mrs. Patrick Duffy
51 Mrs. W. F. Douds
52 Mrs. Henry Fisher
53 Mrs. Robert McBurney
54 Mrs. Salina Matthews
55 Mrs. Lucinda Carson
56 Mrs. Elizabeth Douds
57 Mrs. Mary E. Drescher
58 Mrs. Elizabeth J. Henry
59 Mrs. H. R. Dunlap
60 Mrs. Joseph Douthett
61 Mrs. John Keast
62 Mrs. Lucinda Taylor
63 Mrs. Lawrence Dean
64 Mrs. Mary S. Stevens
65 Mrs. Rebecca Hayes
66 Mrs. N. Norris
67 Mrs. M. J. Davies
68 Mrs. Jacob Masonheimer
69 Mrs. Joseph McCleary
70 Mrs. Susan Crow
71 Mrs. Daniel Bitner
72 Mrs. J. G. Fulkerson

Reminiscence Committee

1 Fred Pearson
2 J. R. White
3 James Marshall
4 T. Jeff McCleary
5 W. W. Cubbison
6 Samuel Spence
7 Andrew Robinson
8 Michael Hannon
9 Lorenzo Miller
10 J. B. Morse
11 Findley Barnes
12 Patrick Farrell
13 W. R. McKee
14 L. W. Lutton
15 W. E. Wallace
16 W. H. Falls
17 Charles Morehead
18 Joseph Ott
19 John W. Reynolds
20 Luther Bryant
21 C. L. Warnock
22 T. W. Falls
23 James Glass
24 George Moser
25 Chris. Gailey
26 George Crawford

Reception Committee

Miss Anna Patterson
Miss Julia Quinn
Miss Carrie Morrow
Miss Carrie White

FOREWORD

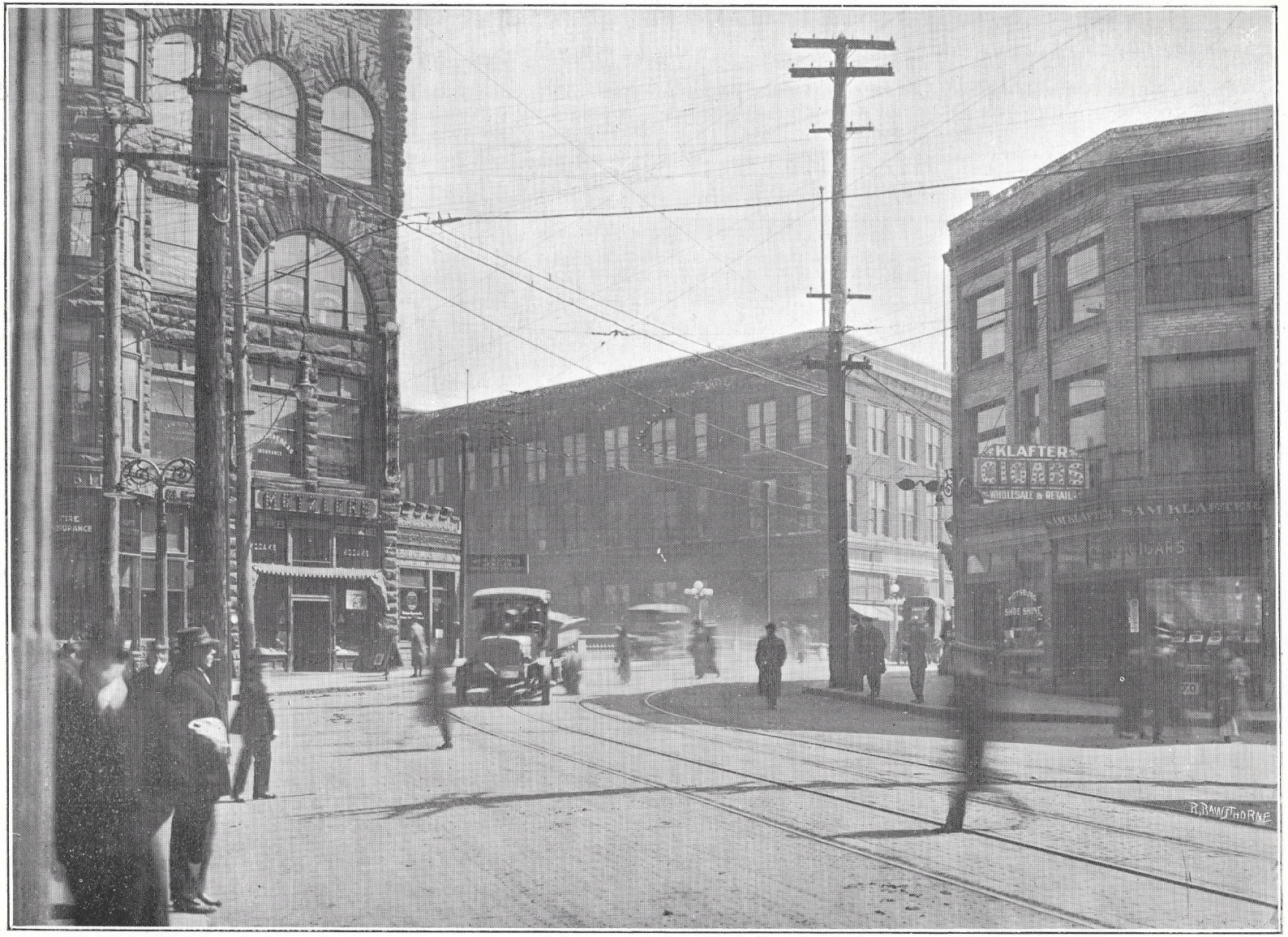
In previous editions of the Old Timer's Souvenir we have shown old time scenes and old time faces. In the present one we try to show New Castle of today.

New Castle today is a cosmopolitan city of forty thousand people, with all the improvements, comforts and facilities of any modern city of one hundred thousand people. Fine Churches, Schools and public buildings; thirty miles of asphalt block and brick pavements; electric railways, interurban lines, north, south, east and west; Auto Fire Departments; Natural Gas; Solid Banks; Five trunk line railroads who handle in and out of New Castle one hundred and fourteen passenger trains daily and six hundred thousand freight cars annually; we have the largest Sheet and Tin Plate mills in the world; immense Furnaces and Steel Plants of the United States Steel Corporation; Standard Steel Car Works; Engineering Works, builders of blast furnaces and steel plant construction; Great Cement Plants making five thousand barrels of Portland Cement daily; Potteries, Foundry and Machine Shops, Chemical Works, Knitting Mills, Rubber Works and hundreds of smaller industries which, with the railroads, give employment to over ten thousand workmen.

New Castle is one of the many Manufacturing Communities of Western Pennsylvania which form ***The Greatest Industrial District in the World.***

New Castle, with a population of forty thousand, when business is normal, has an annual tonnage, in round numbers, of Six Million Tons or One Hundred and Fifty Tons per Capita. London, England, with a population of Seven Million has annual tonnage, in and out, of Twenty Million Tons or Three Tons per Capita. The combined annual tonnage in and out of Liverpool, London, Hamburg, Suez Canal and New York is One Hundred and Sixteen Million Tons, while within a radius of Sixty Miles of New Castle the annual tonnage is ***over Two Hundred Million Tons.***

This is but a brief sketch of New Castle as pages could be written describing the many industries and the beautiful surrounding hills, dotted from bace to summit with comfortable and pretty homes of thousands of contented steel, tin and iron workers, railroad men and artisans of all kinds, with here and there palatial residences, dainty villas and delightful homesteads, but the purpose has been to give the reader only a general idea of this rich, beautiful and busy little City at the junction of the Shenango, Neshannock and Mahoning Rivers where they form the Beaver River. The pictures which follow will finish the story.



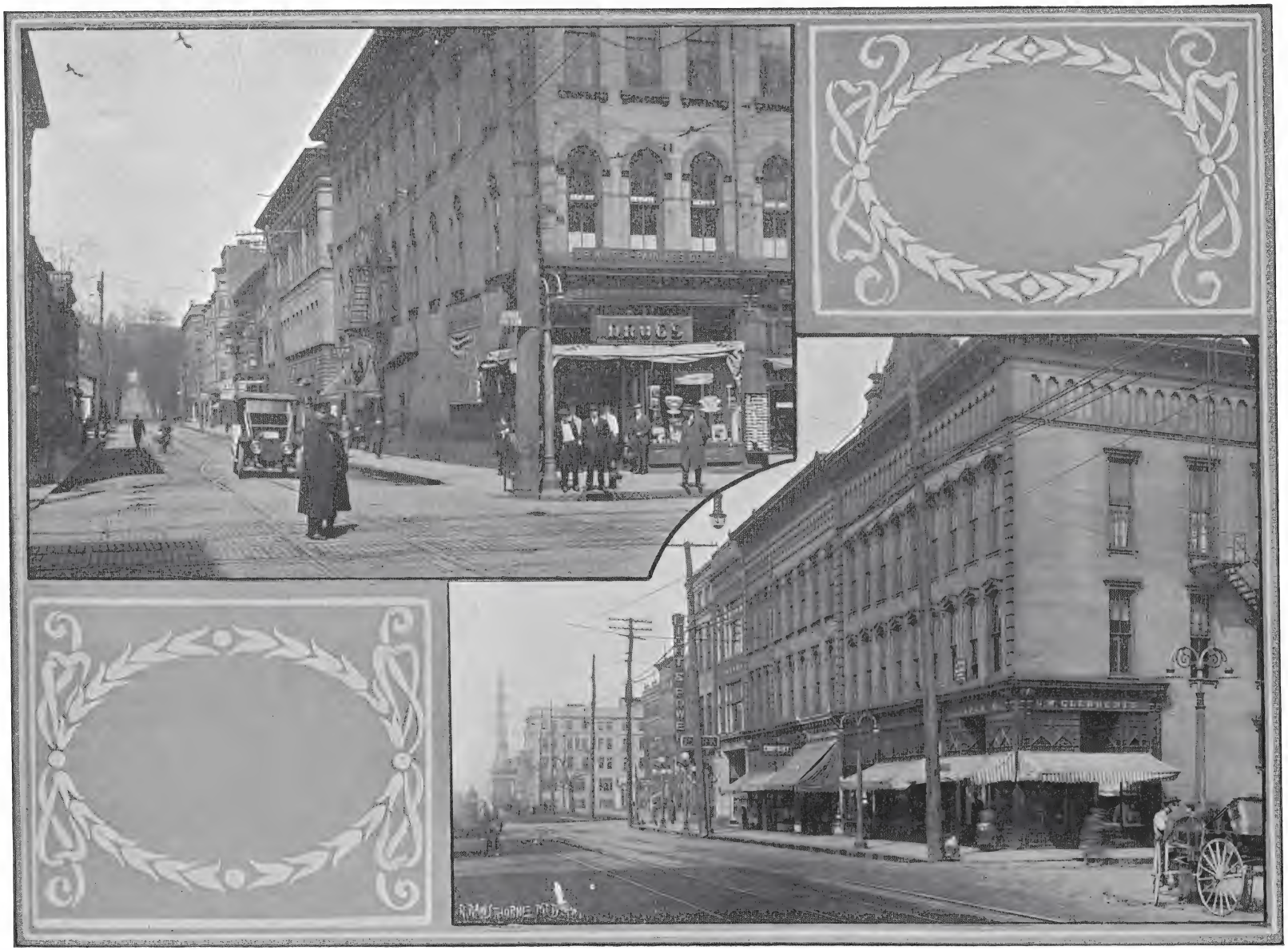
WASHINGTON STREET AT NESHANNOCK BRIDGE

FOURTH OF JULY, CITY BUILDING

LOOKING EAST WASHINGTON STREET LOOKING WEST

Washington Street

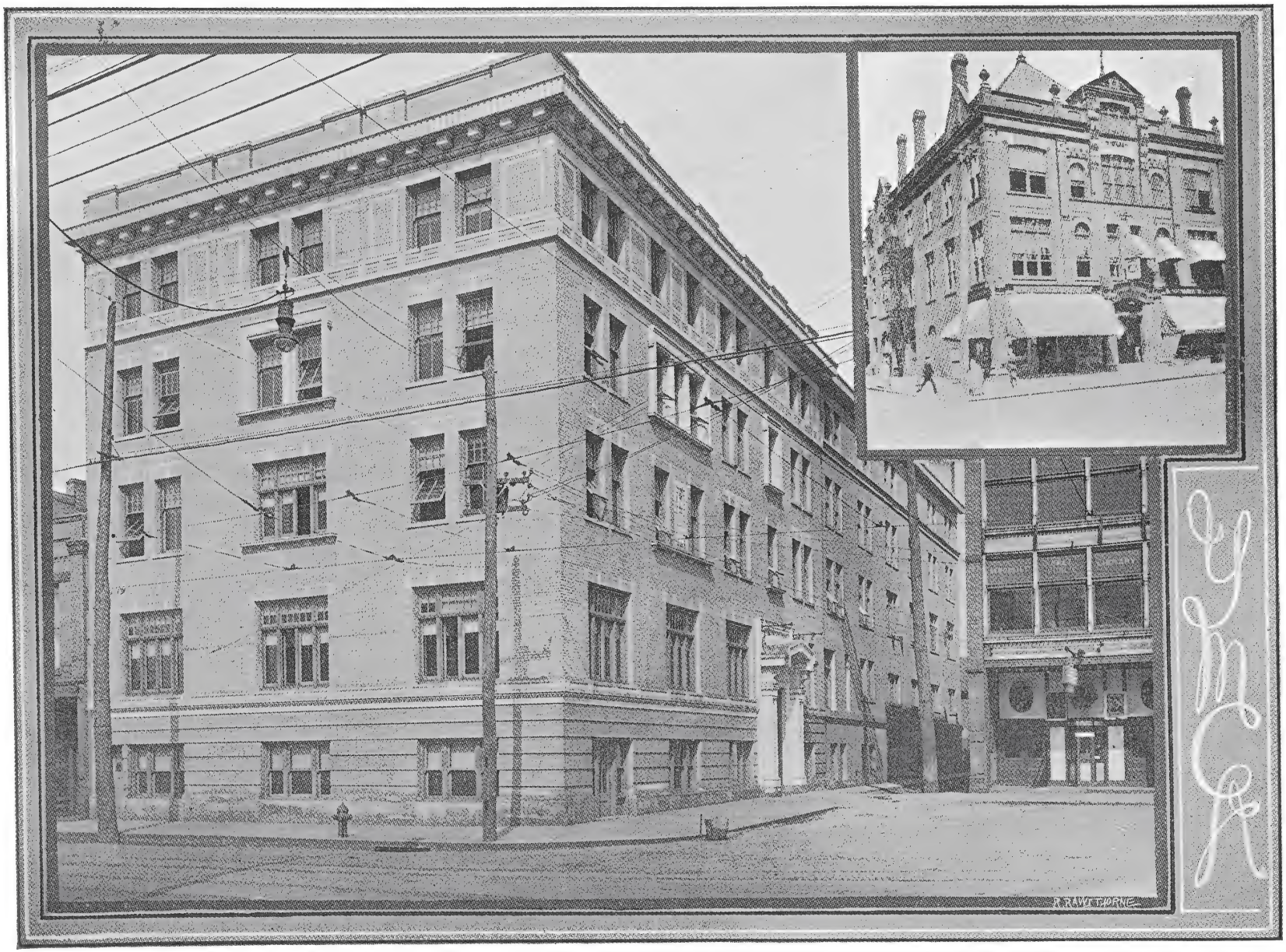
North Mill Street



Looking North on Mill Street From Washington Street

Looking West on Washington Street From Mercer Street

North Side Washington Street on the Park

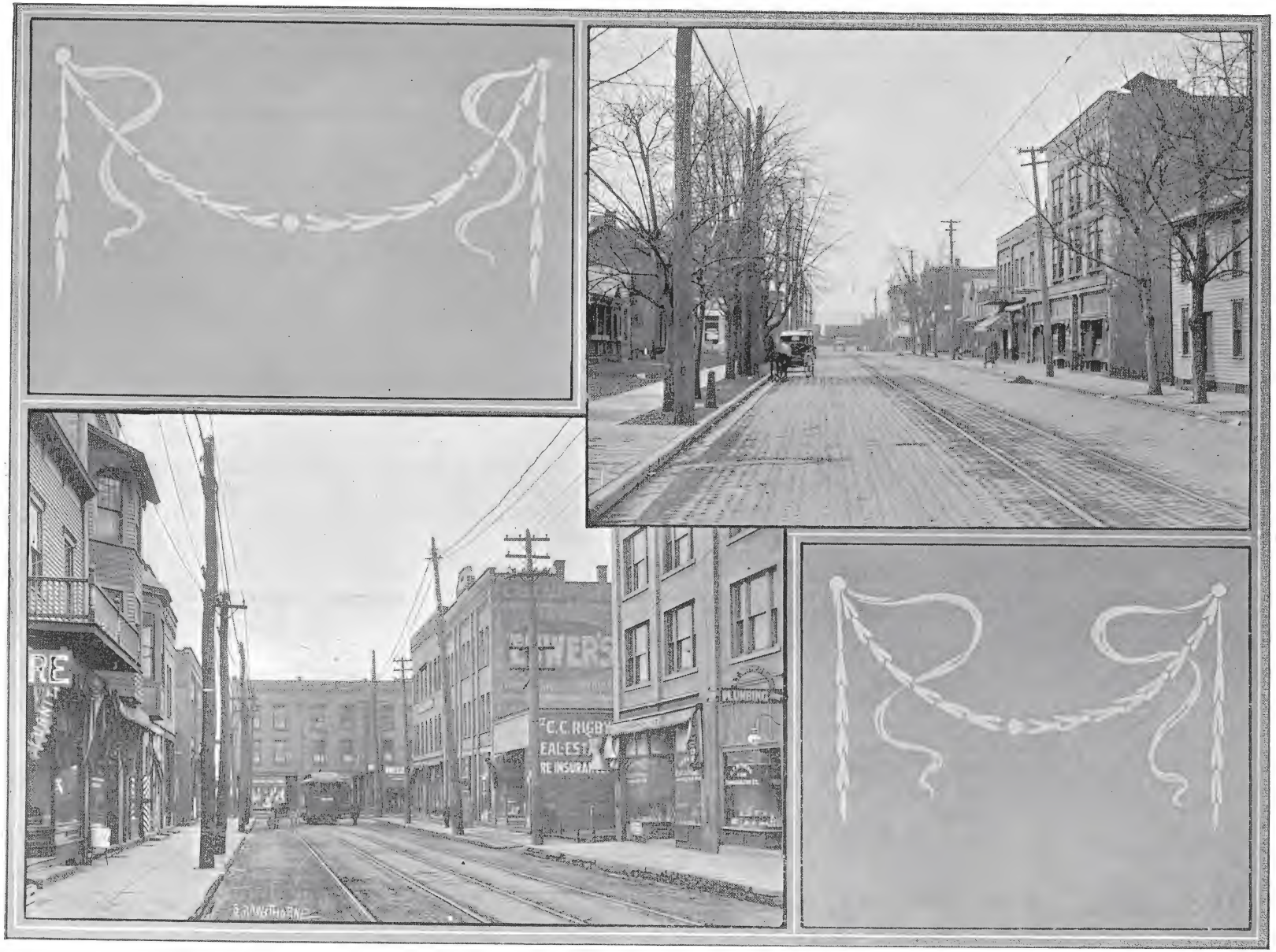


Y. M. C. A.
North-west Corner of Park

WASHINGTON STREET

Y. W. C. A.
Corner of North Jefferson Street and Park

MARSHALL STREET—EAST SIDE



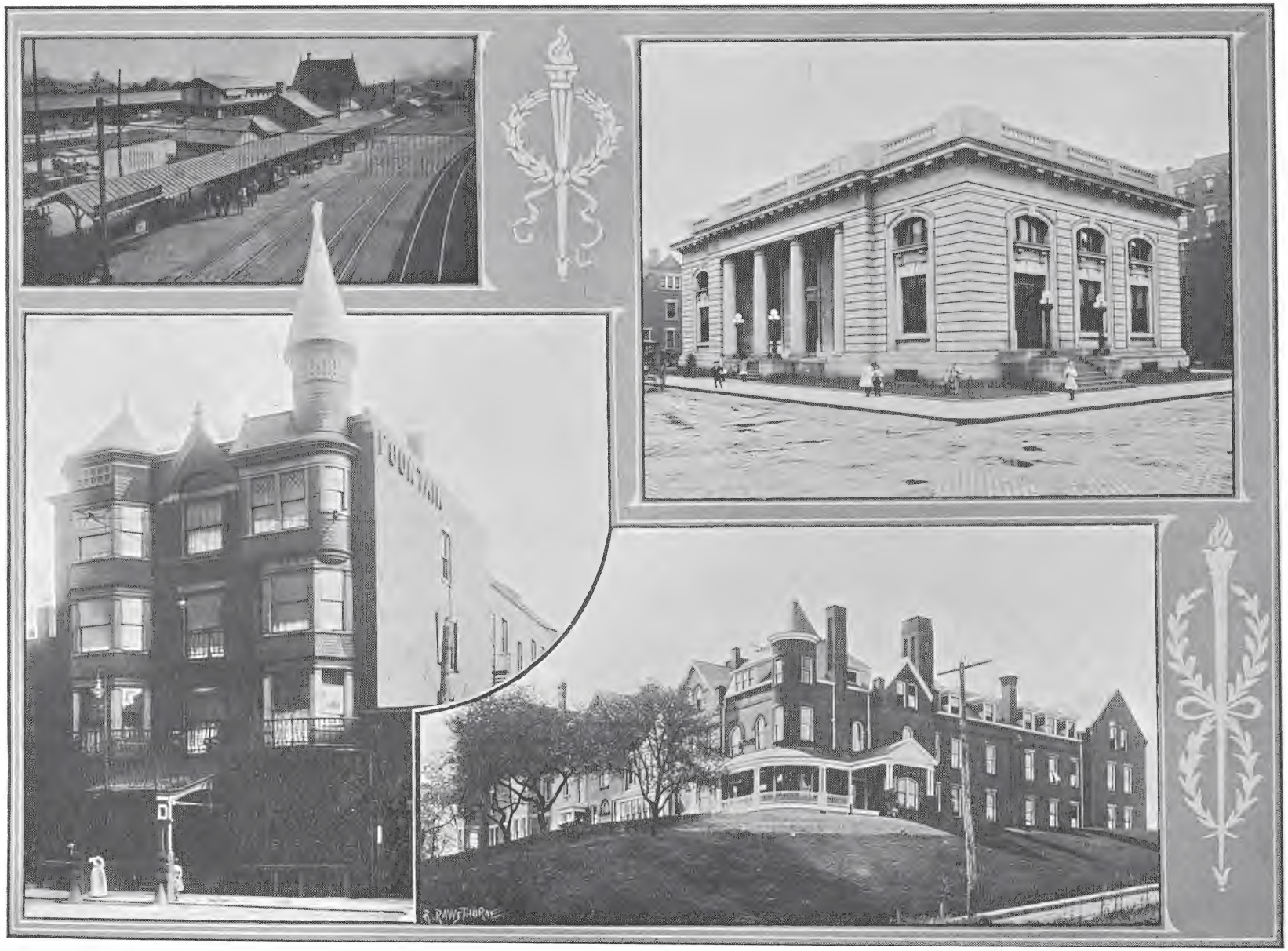
South Mill Street and Long Avenue

Liberty Street, 7th. Ward (Mahoningtown)

South Croton Avenue

Almira Home for Old Ladies

Court House



PENNSYLVANIA STATION
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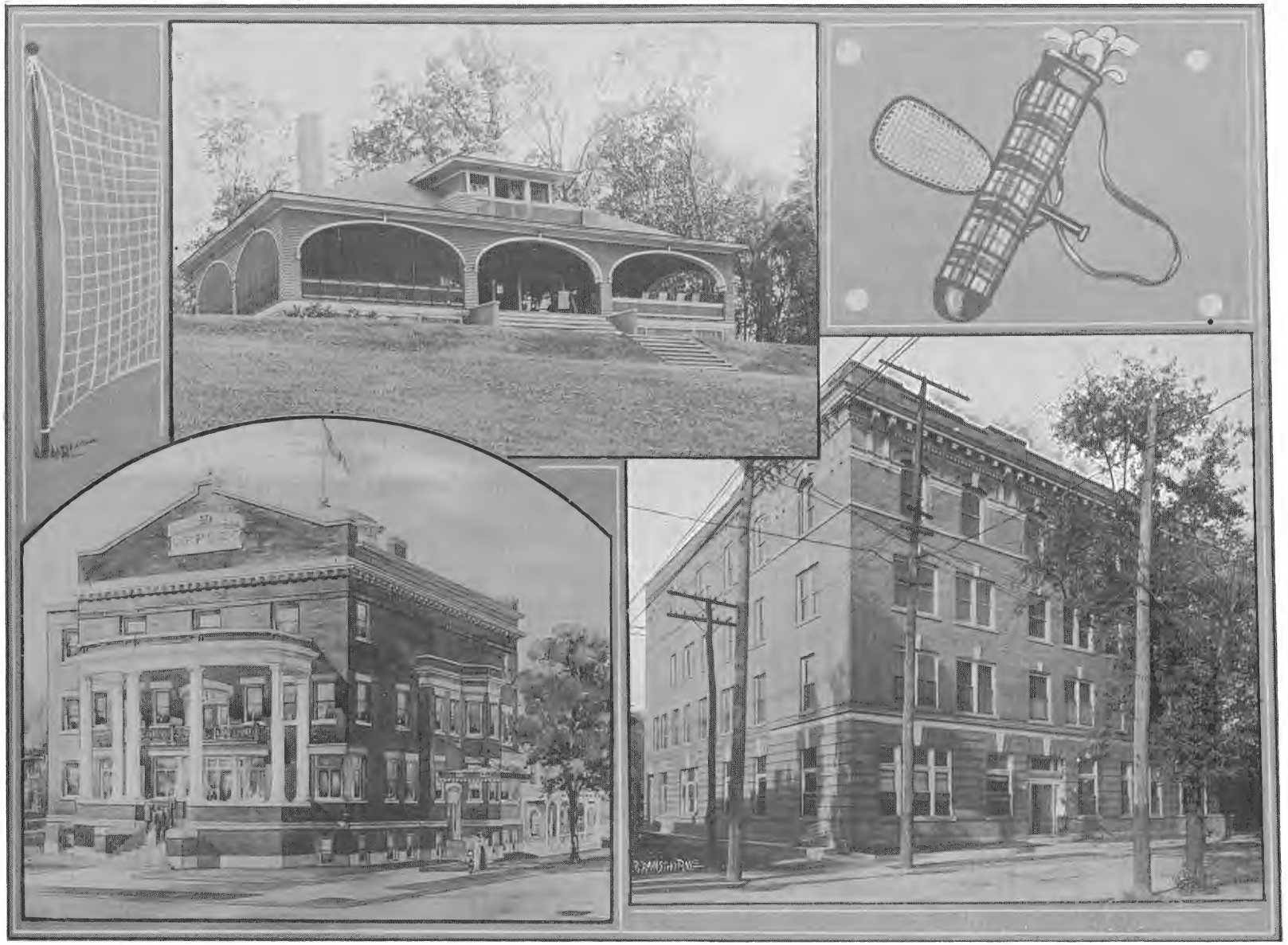
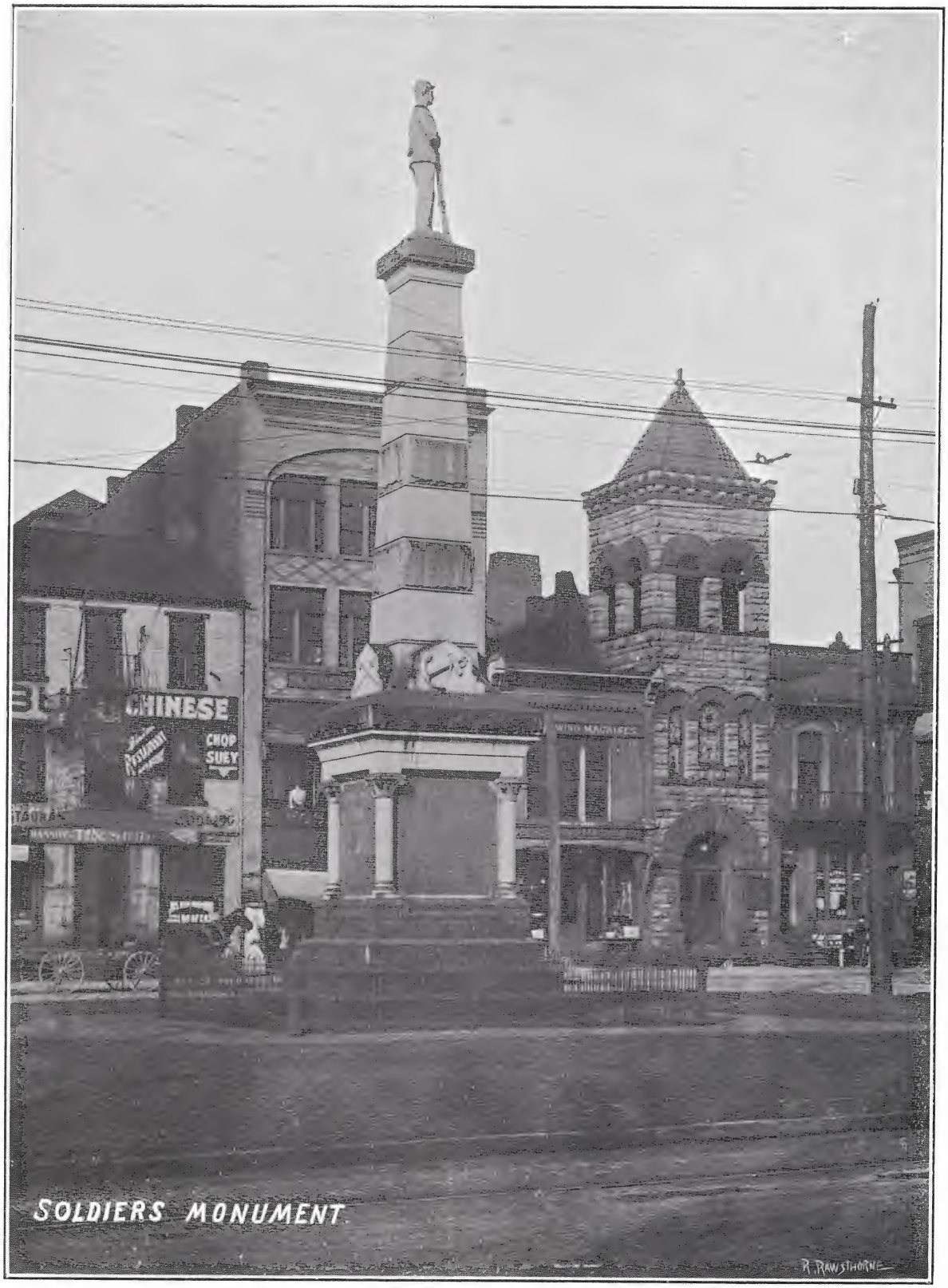
POST OFFICE—North and Mercer Streets
SHENANGO VALLEY HOSPITAL—North Beaver Street and Lincoln Avenue



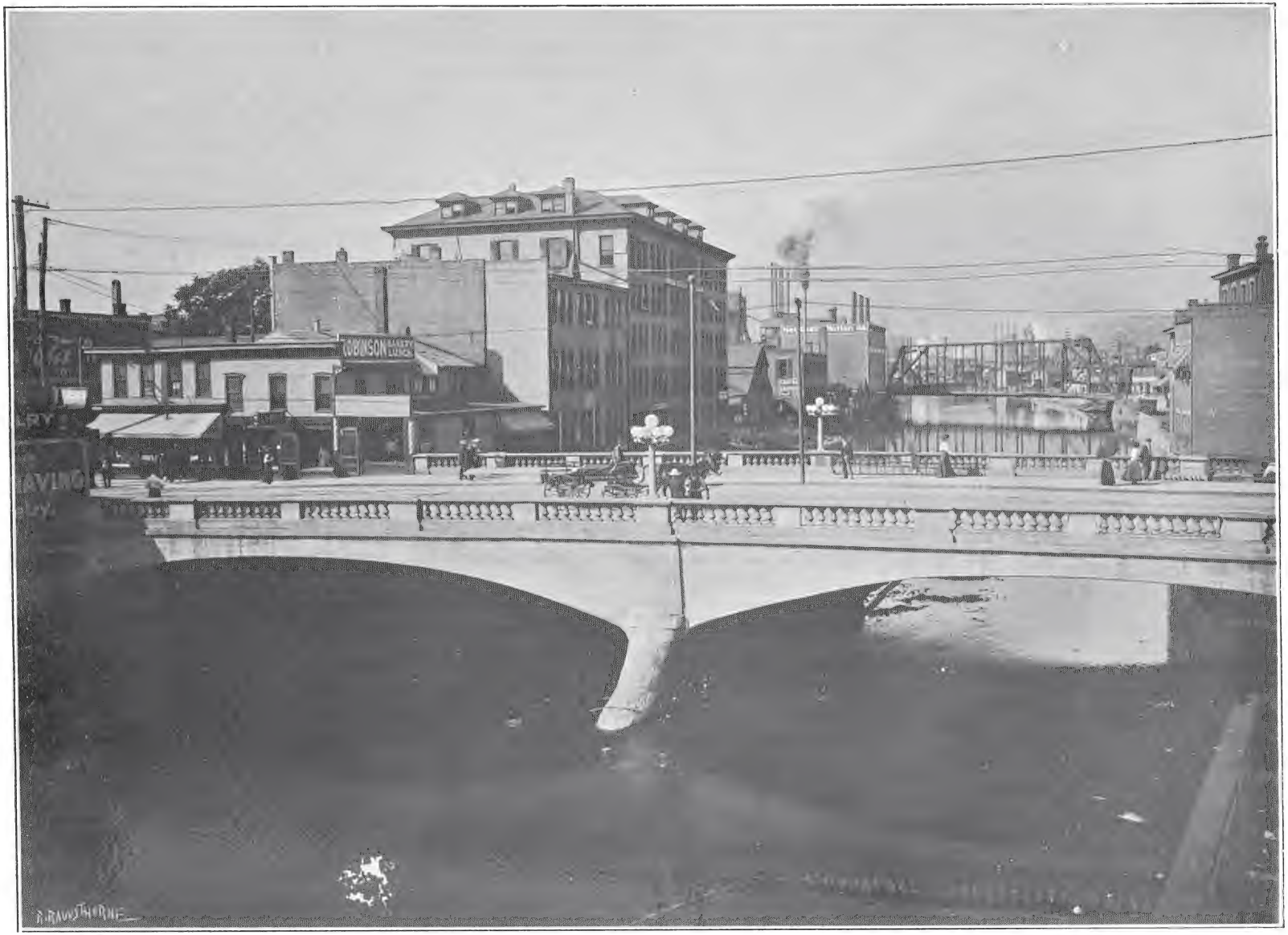
ELKS' CLUB
Corner of North Mill and Falls Streets

COUNTRY CLUB

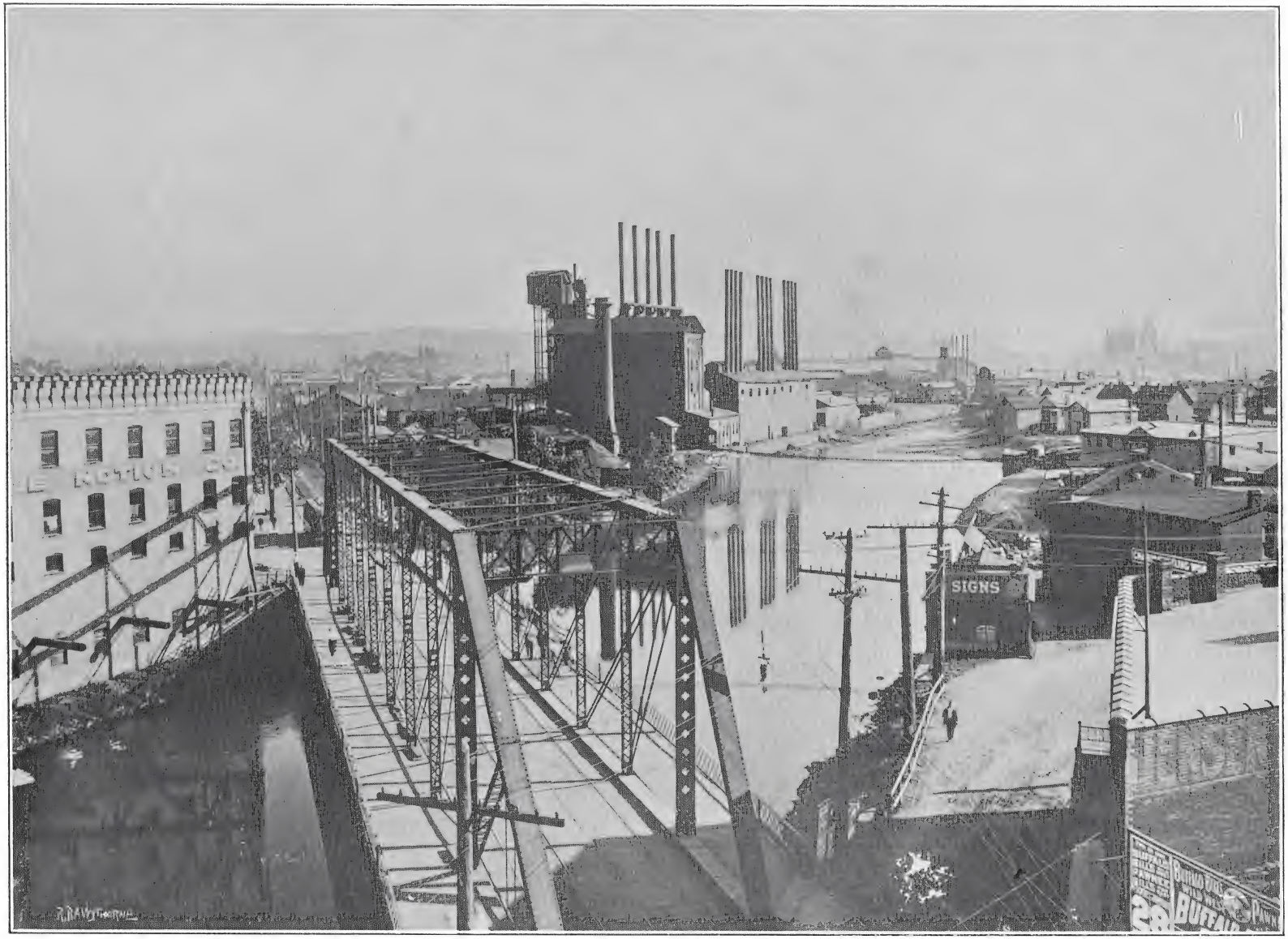
MASONIC TEMPLE—LAWRENCE CLUB
North Street, between Mercer and Mill Streets



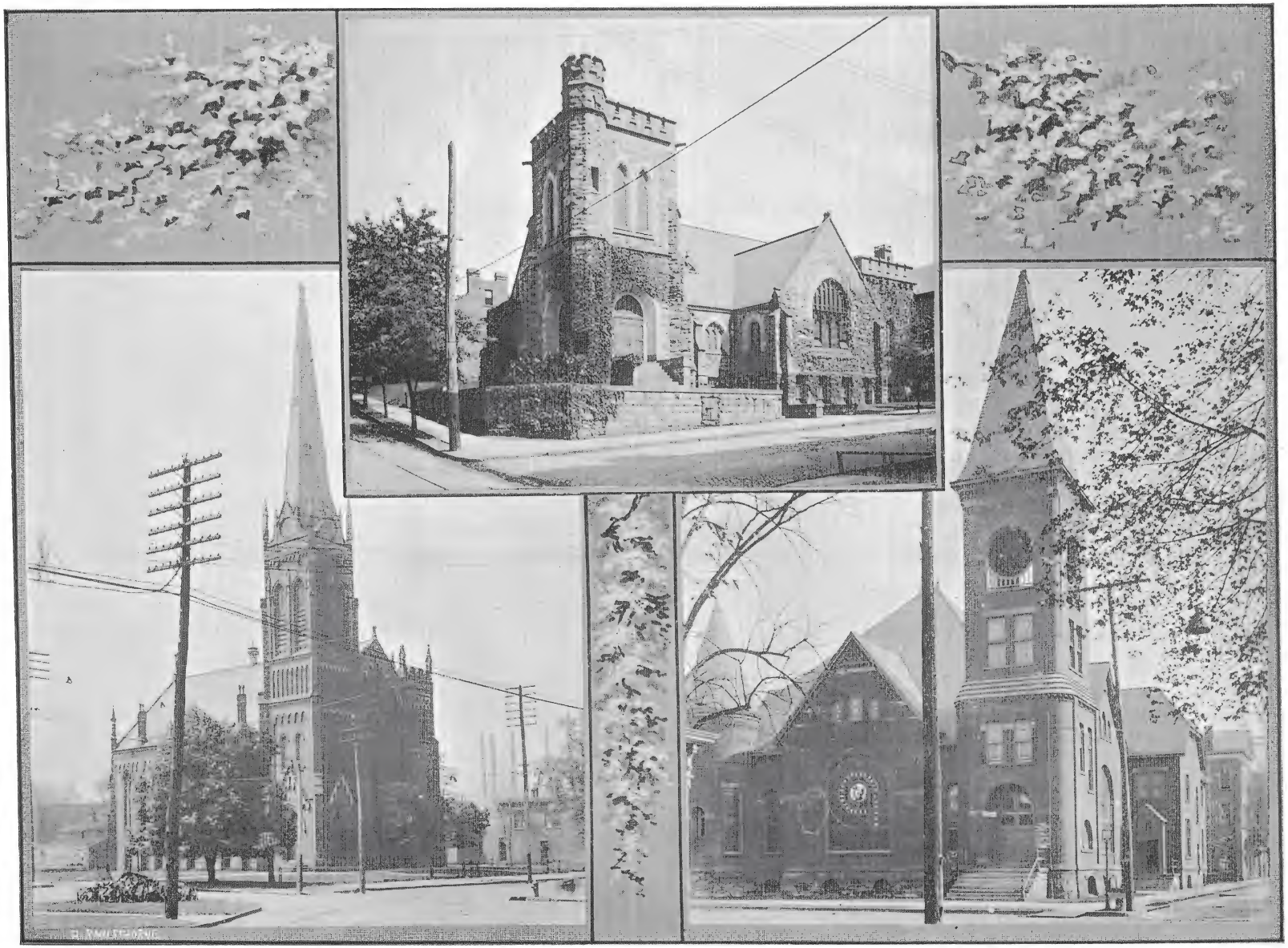
THE TOWER IS THE ENTRANCE TO CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (FORMERLY WHITE HALL) ON THE DIAMOND



WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE OVER NESHANNOCK



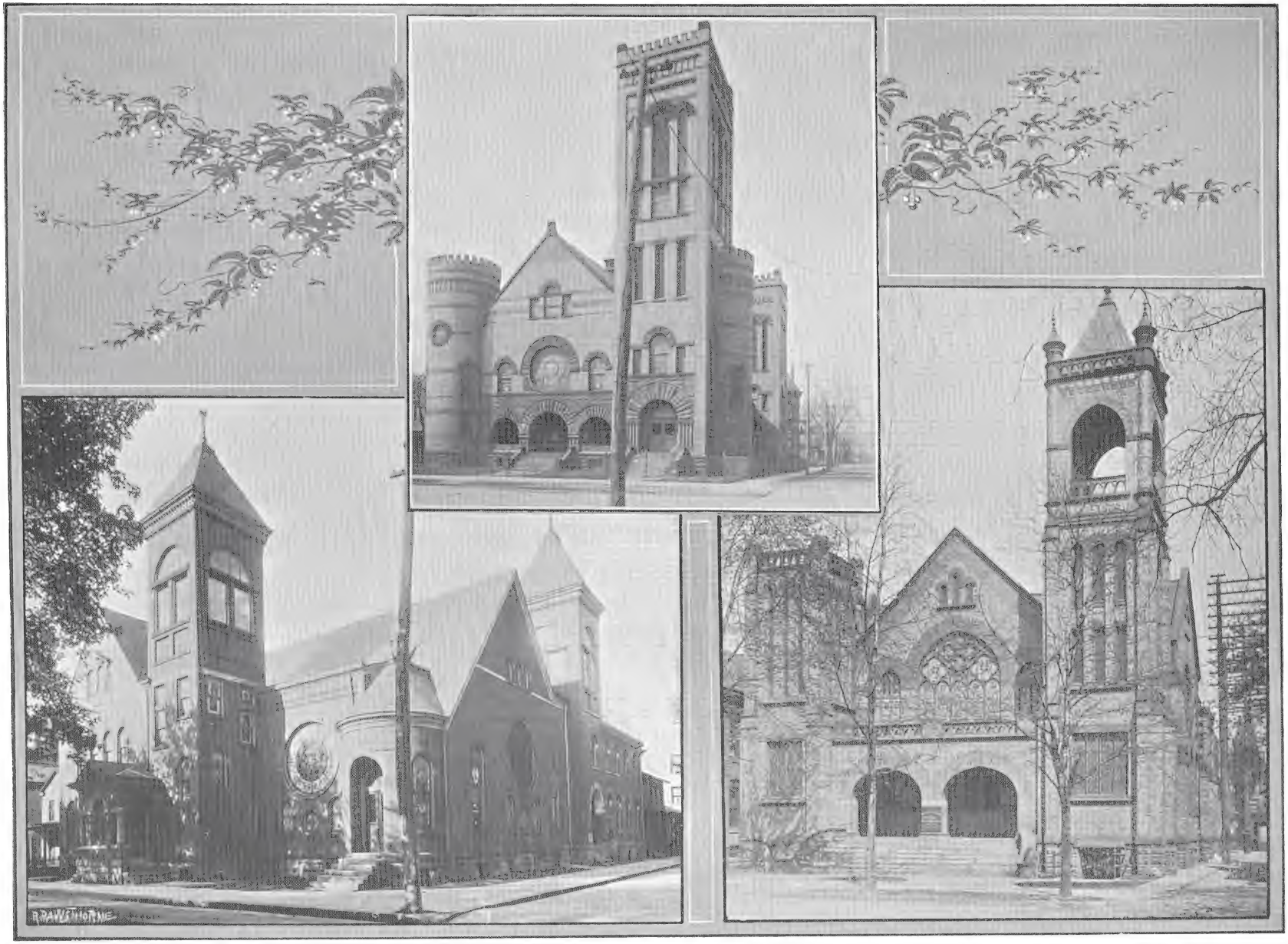
Mill Street Bridge and Rosena Furnace



First Christian

Trinity

First Methodist

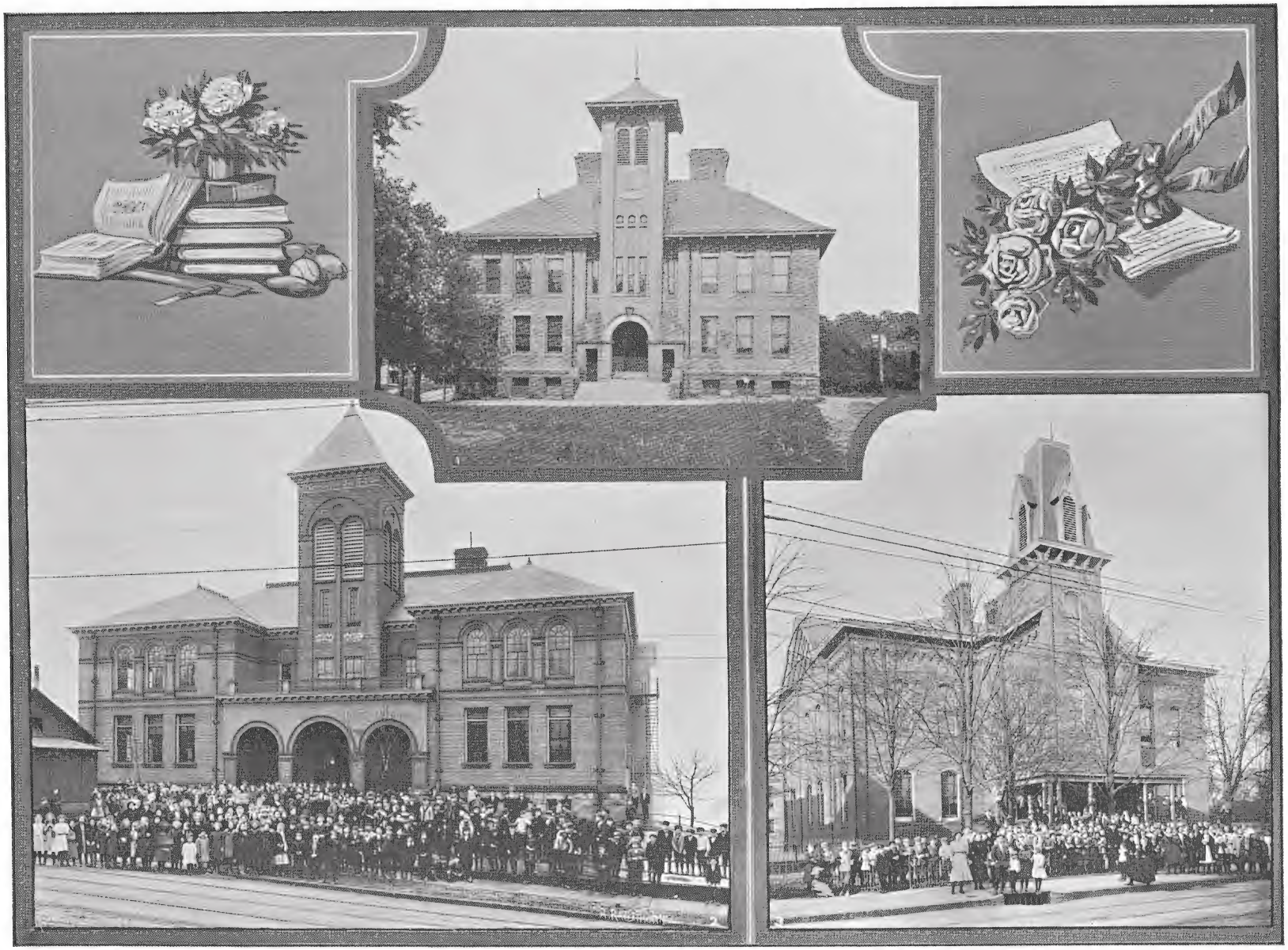


First Baptist

First Presbyterian

(There are Fifty-four Churches and Six Missions in New Castle)

First United Presbyterian



THADDEUS STEVENS CROTON LINCOLN

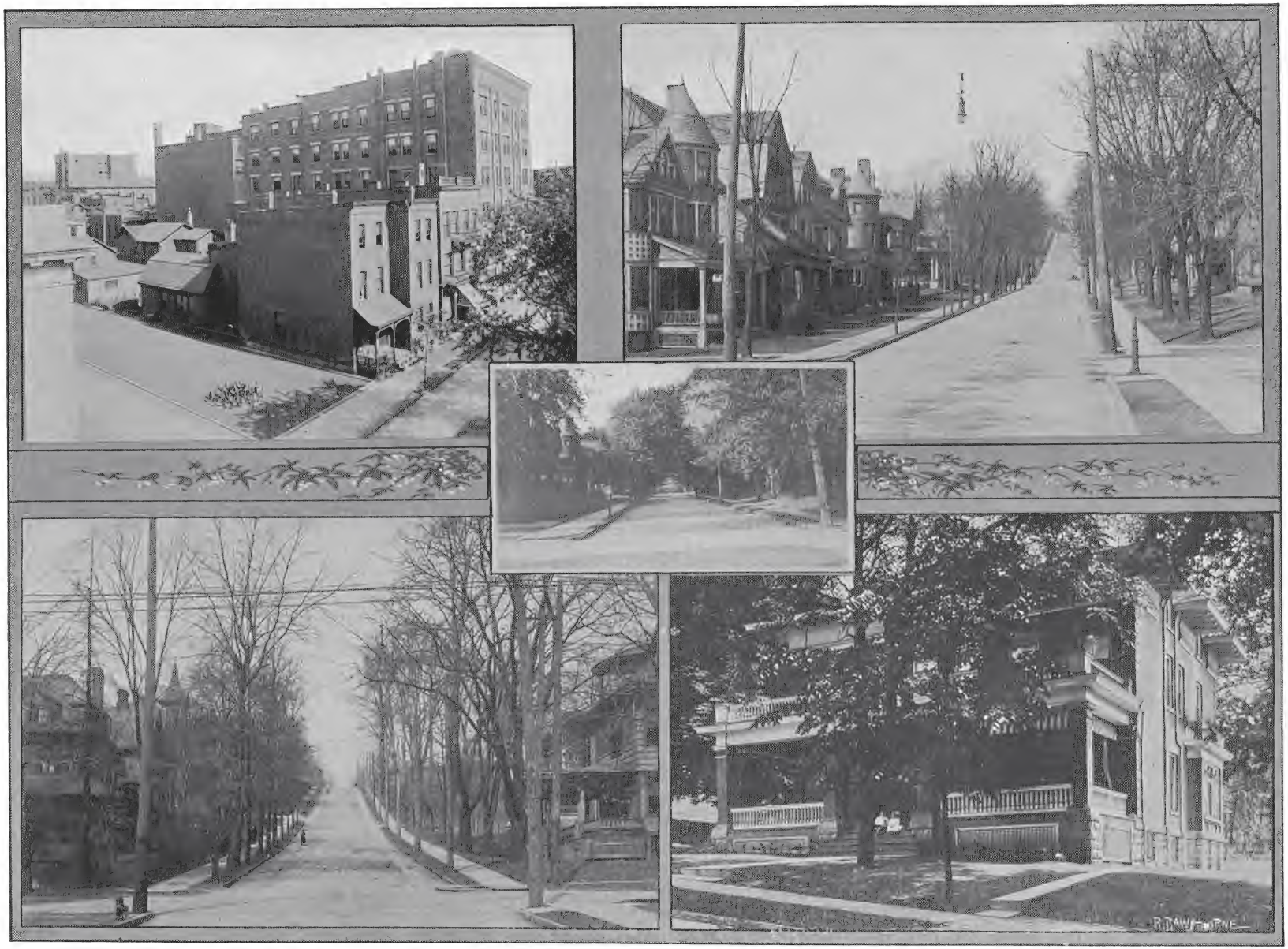
(There are Twenty Public Schools and Four Parochial Schools. Eight Thousand Pupils and Two Hundred and Thirty Teachers)

HIGHLAND AVENUE

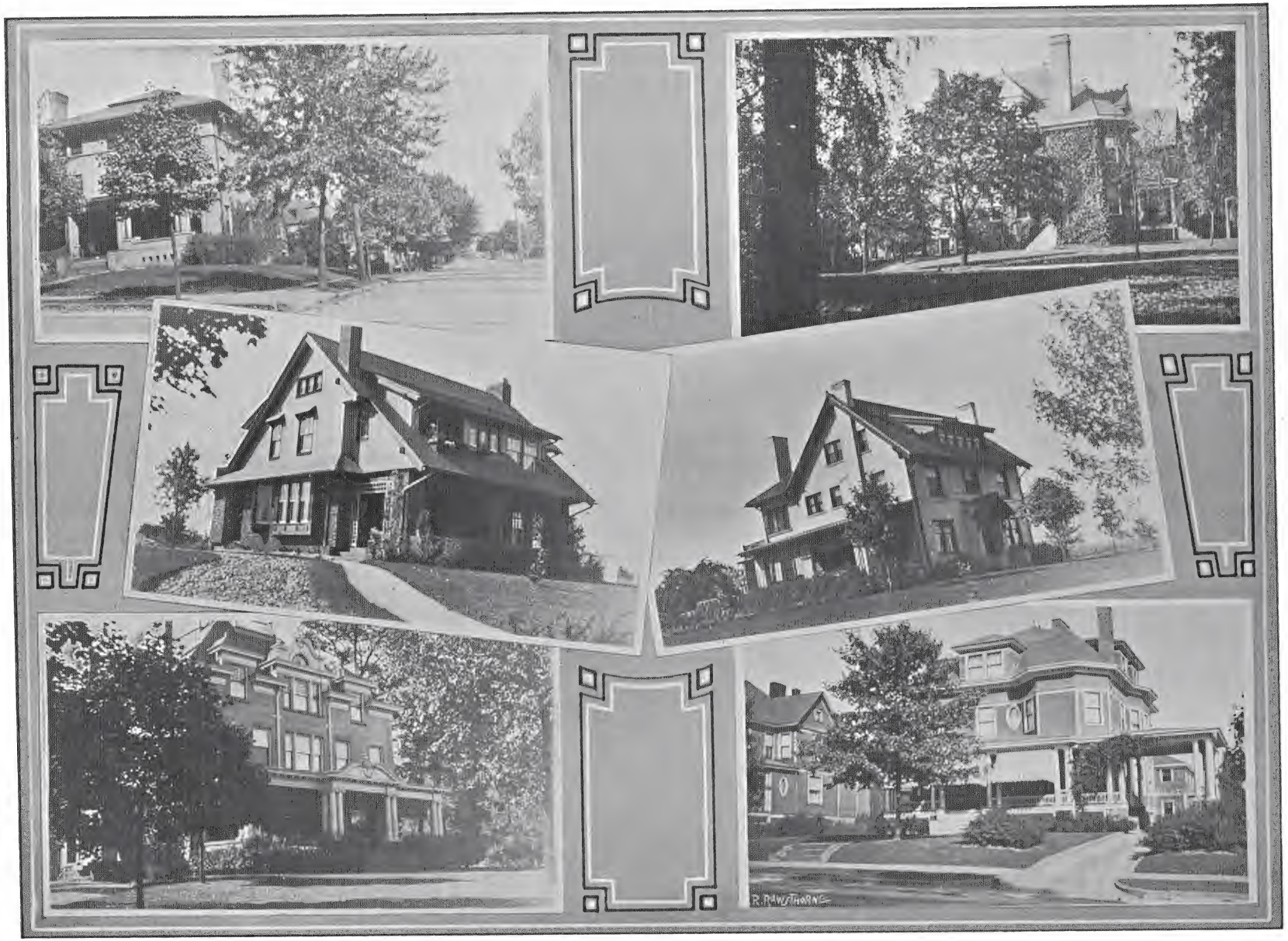
SIXTH WARD (Westside)
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EIGHTH GRADE (North and East Streets)

North Jefferson Street



North Mercer Street



Highland Avenue

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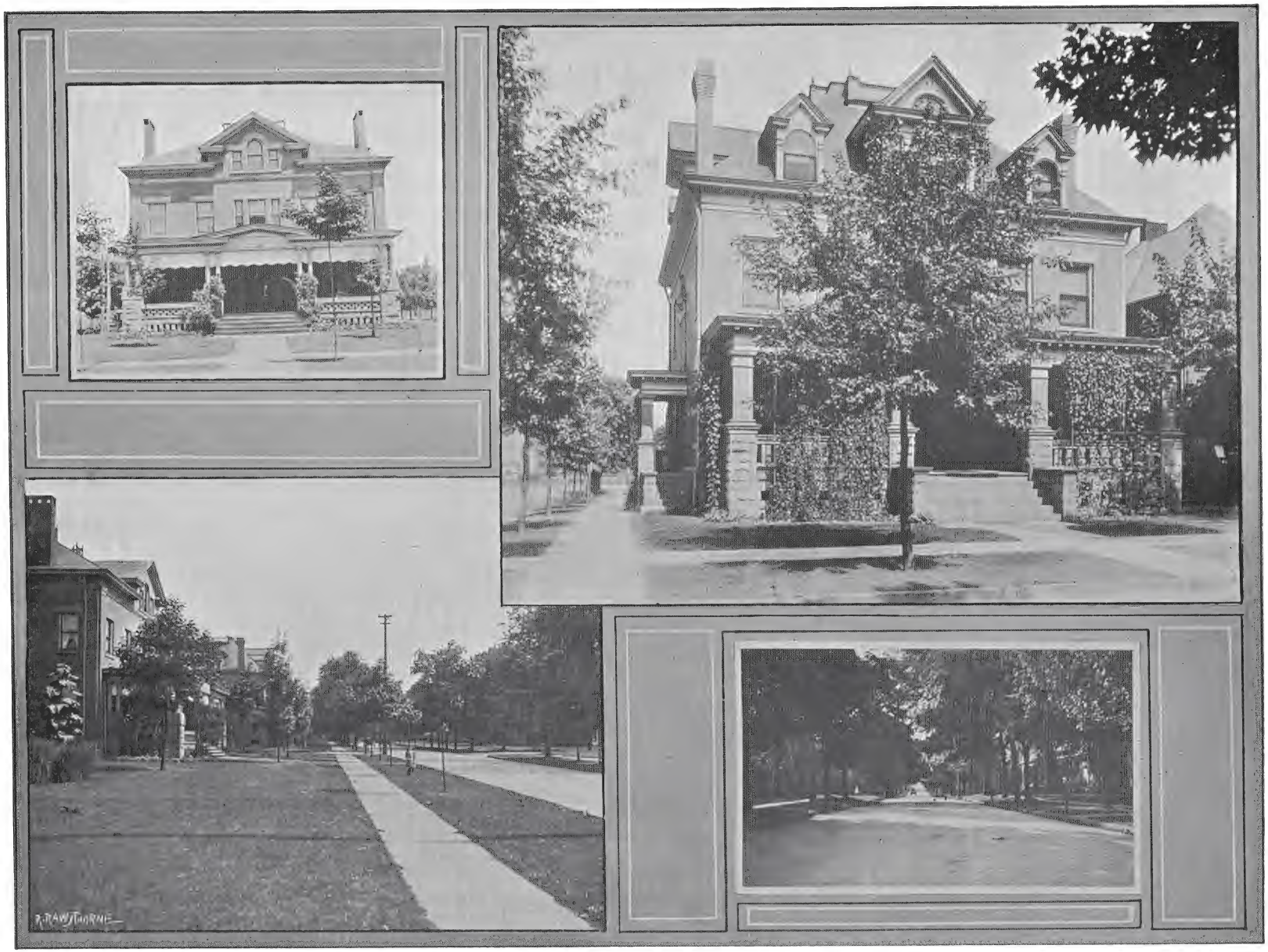
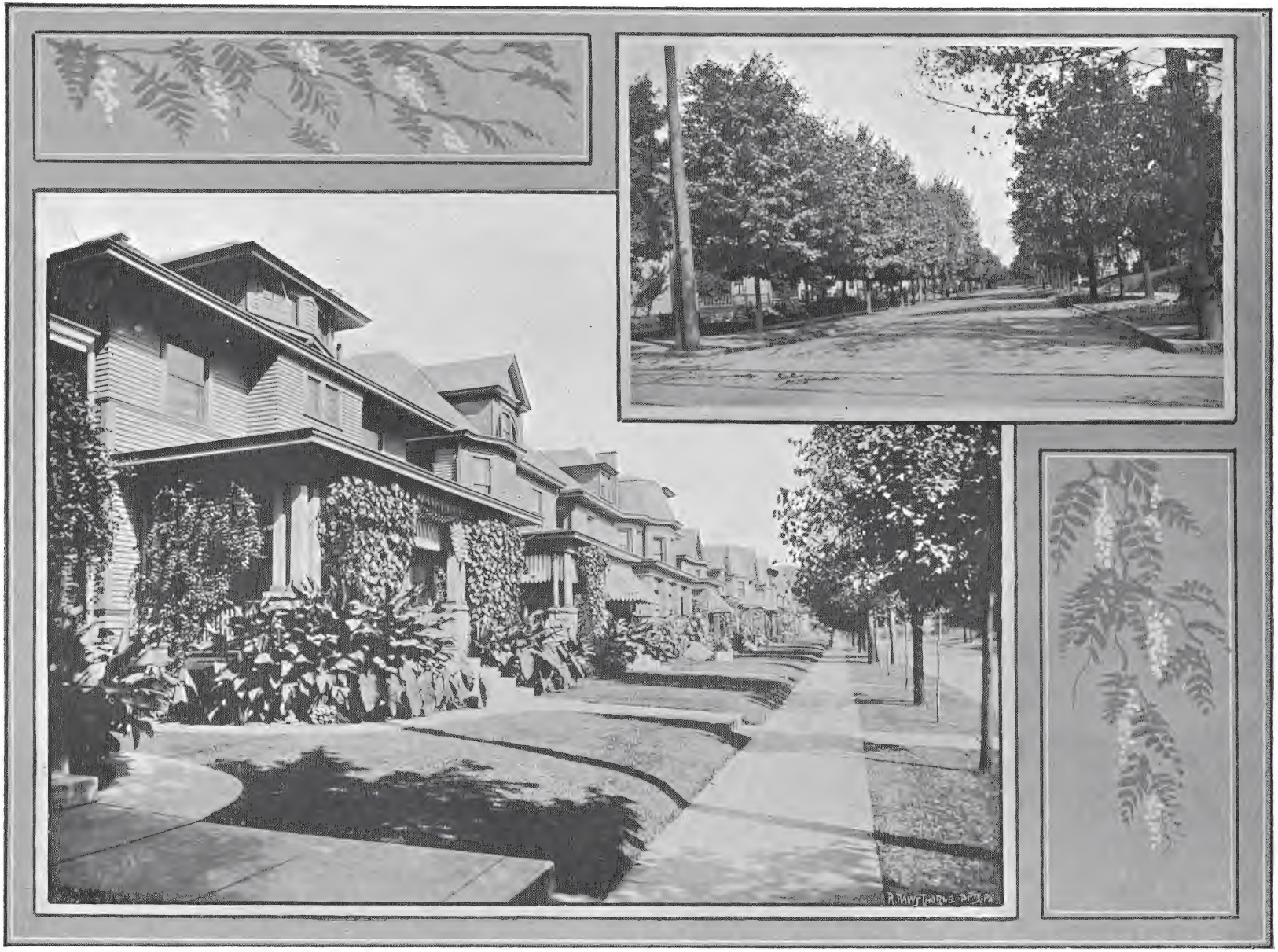
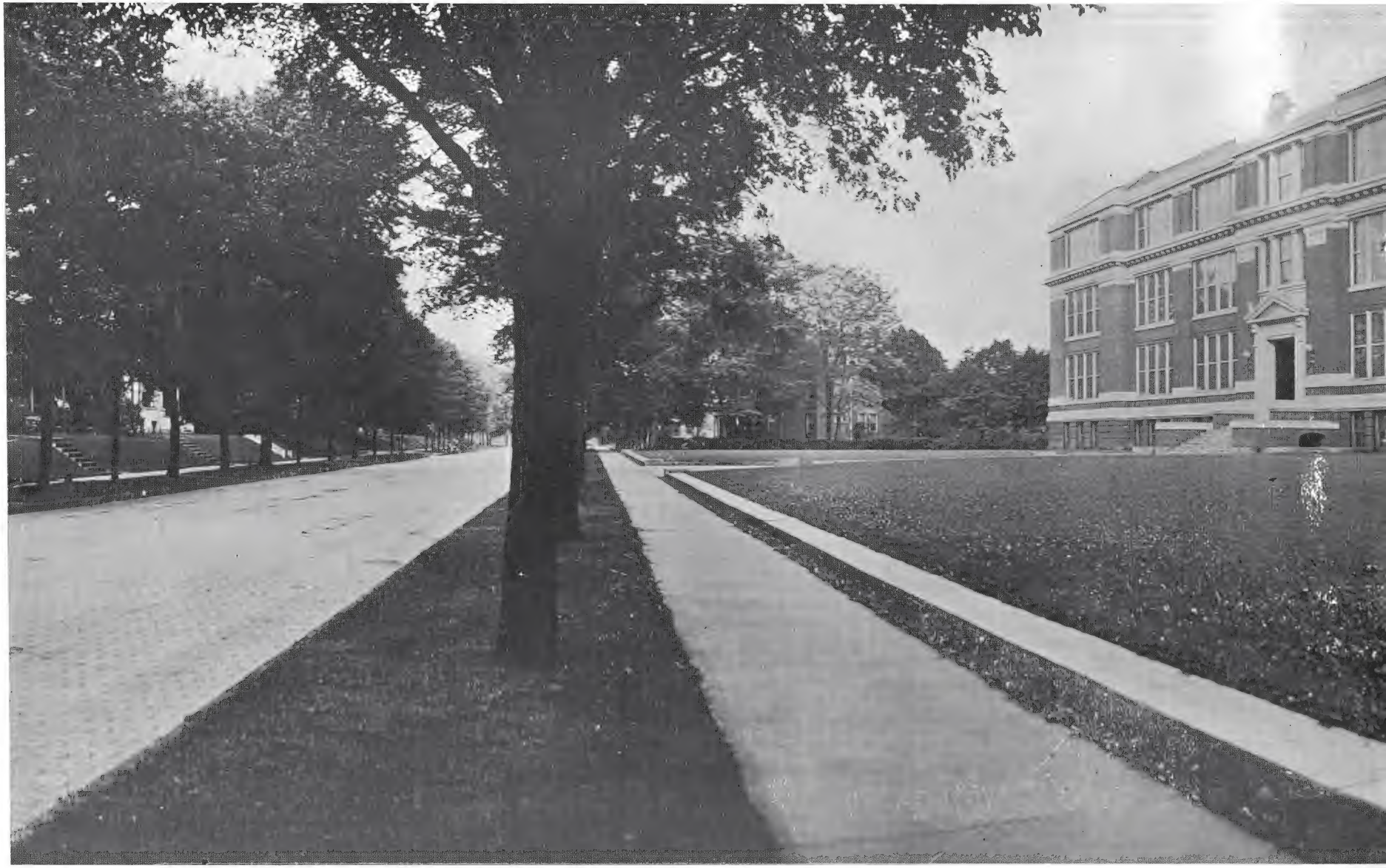


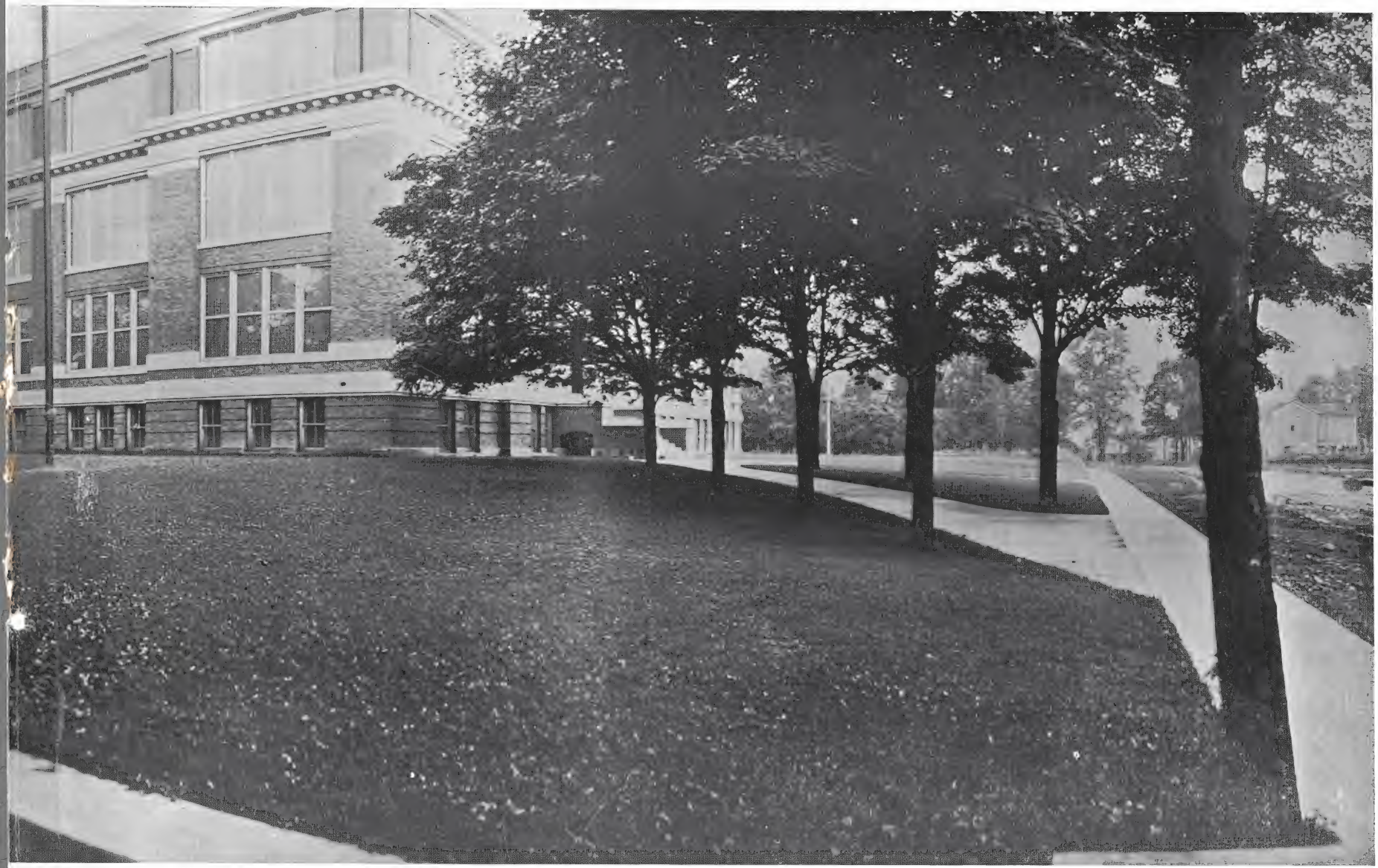
Wallace Avenue



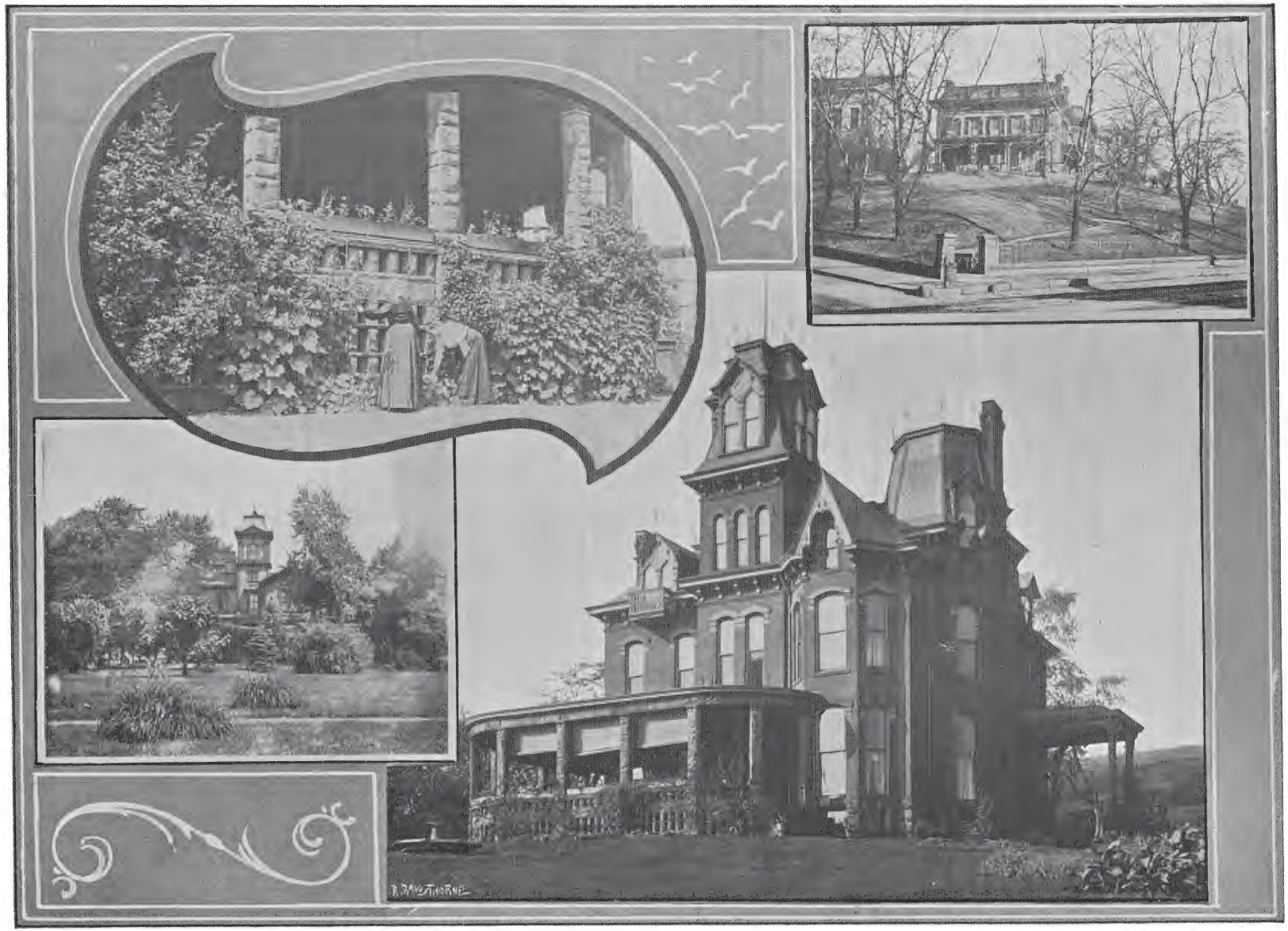
Boyles Avenue



HIGH SCHOOL, LINCOLN AVENUE—Seven Hund



ed and Fifty Students, Twenty-eight Instructors



A. B. Berger

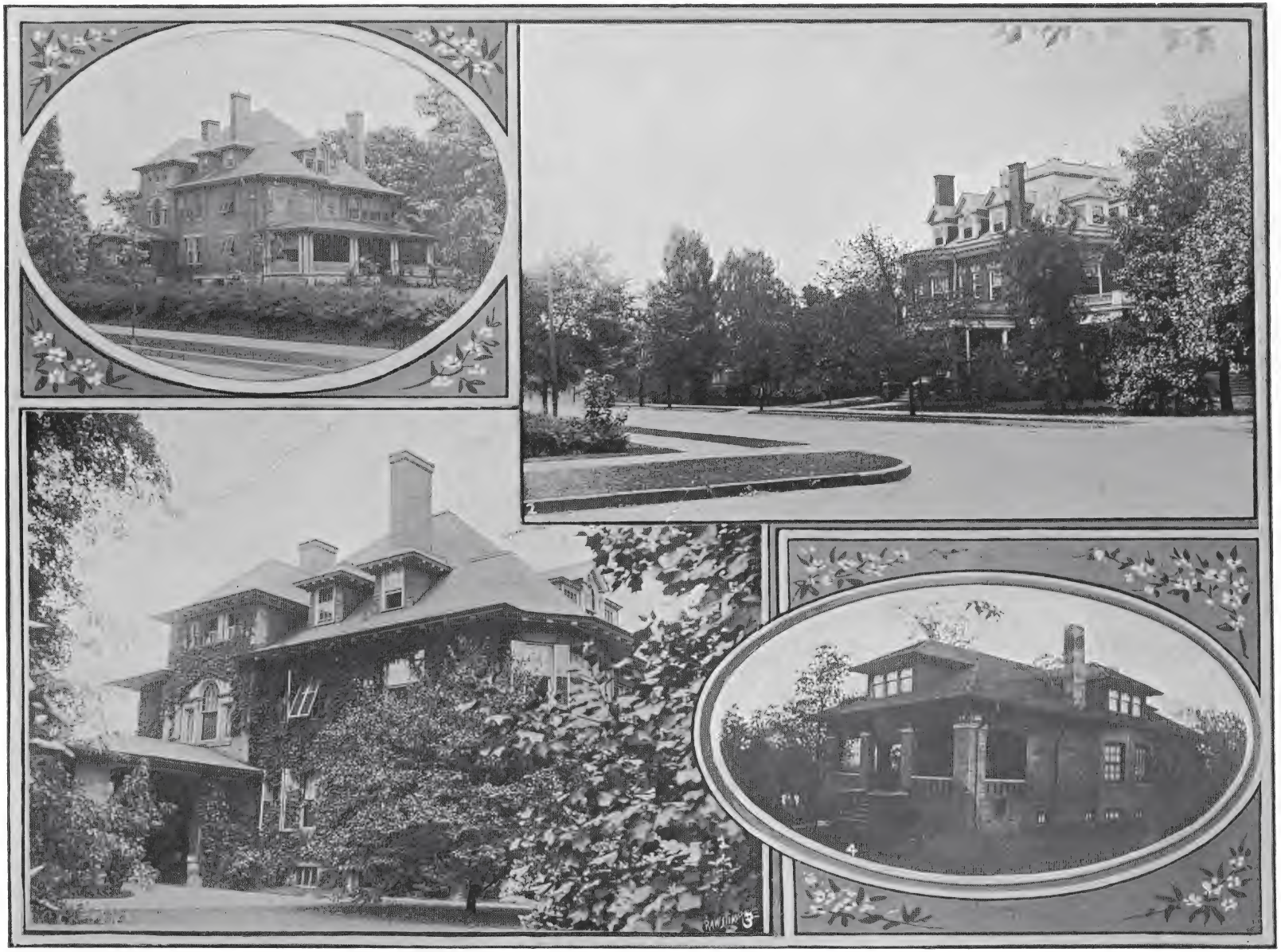
HOMESTEADS

Amanda Foltz

G. V. Boyles

Upper Left—JAMES A. CRAWFORD Lower—R. W. CLENDENIN HOMESTEADS Upper Right—WM. PATTERSON

Lincoln Avenue



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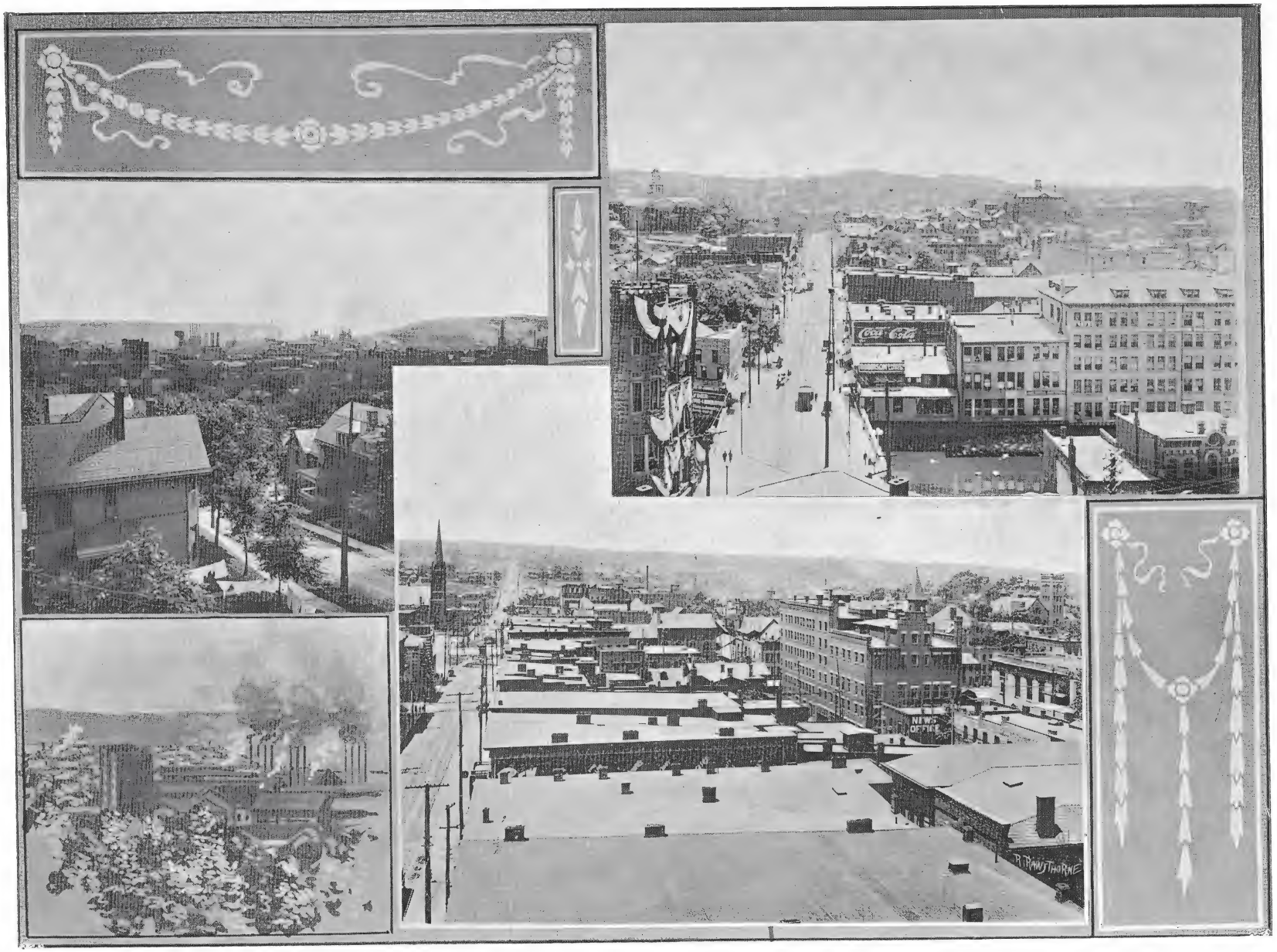
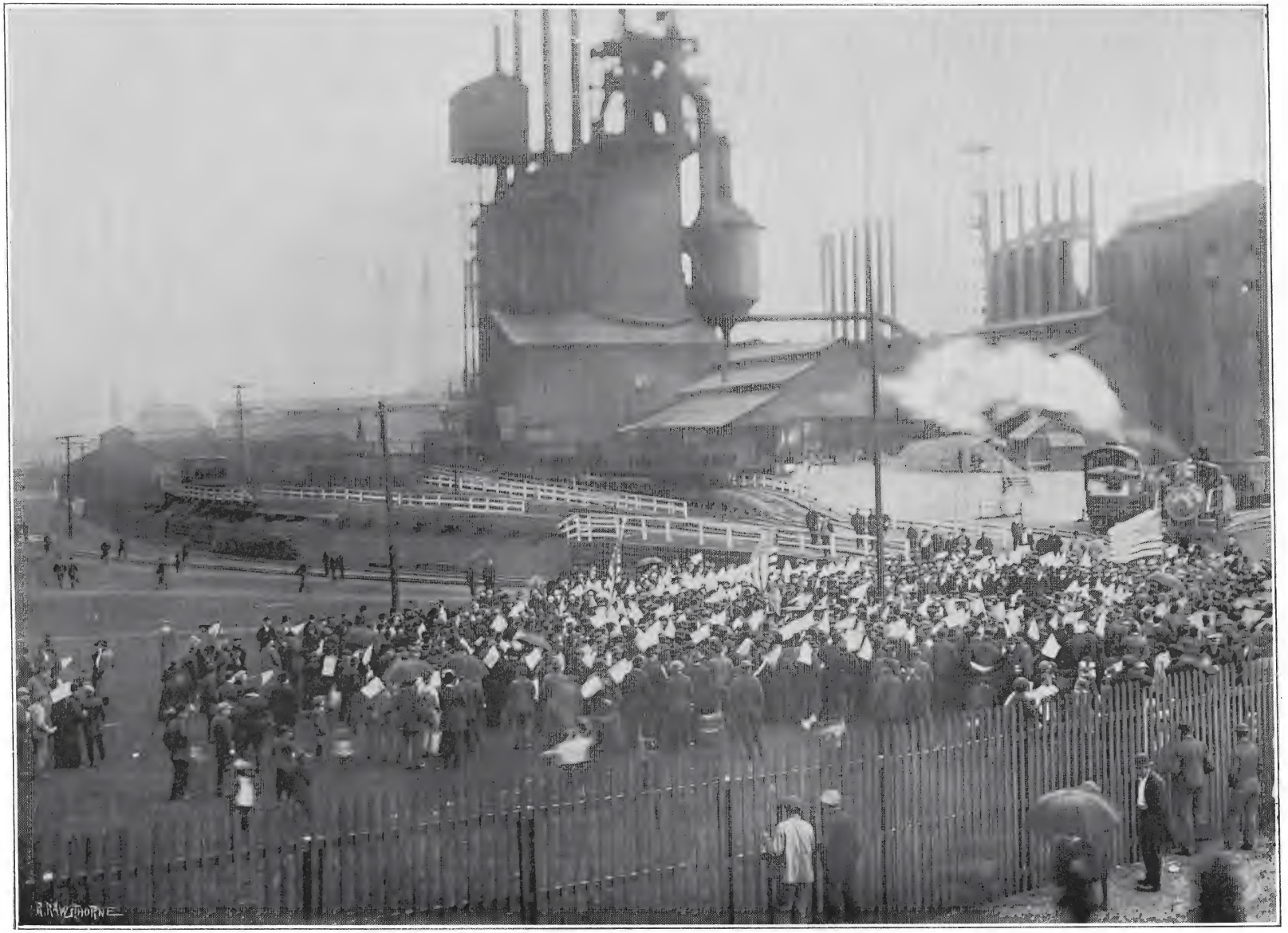
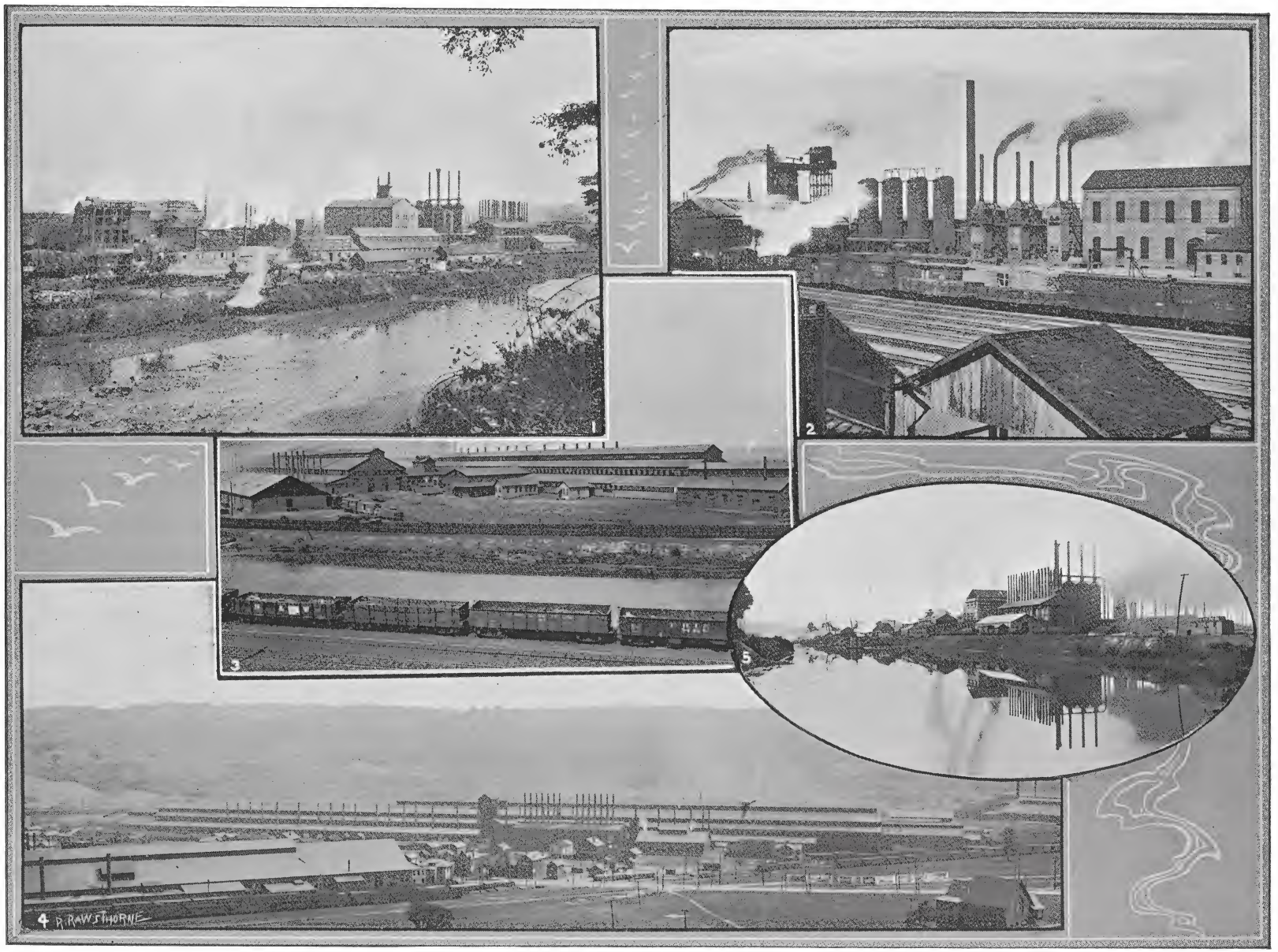


BIRDS-EYE VIEWS

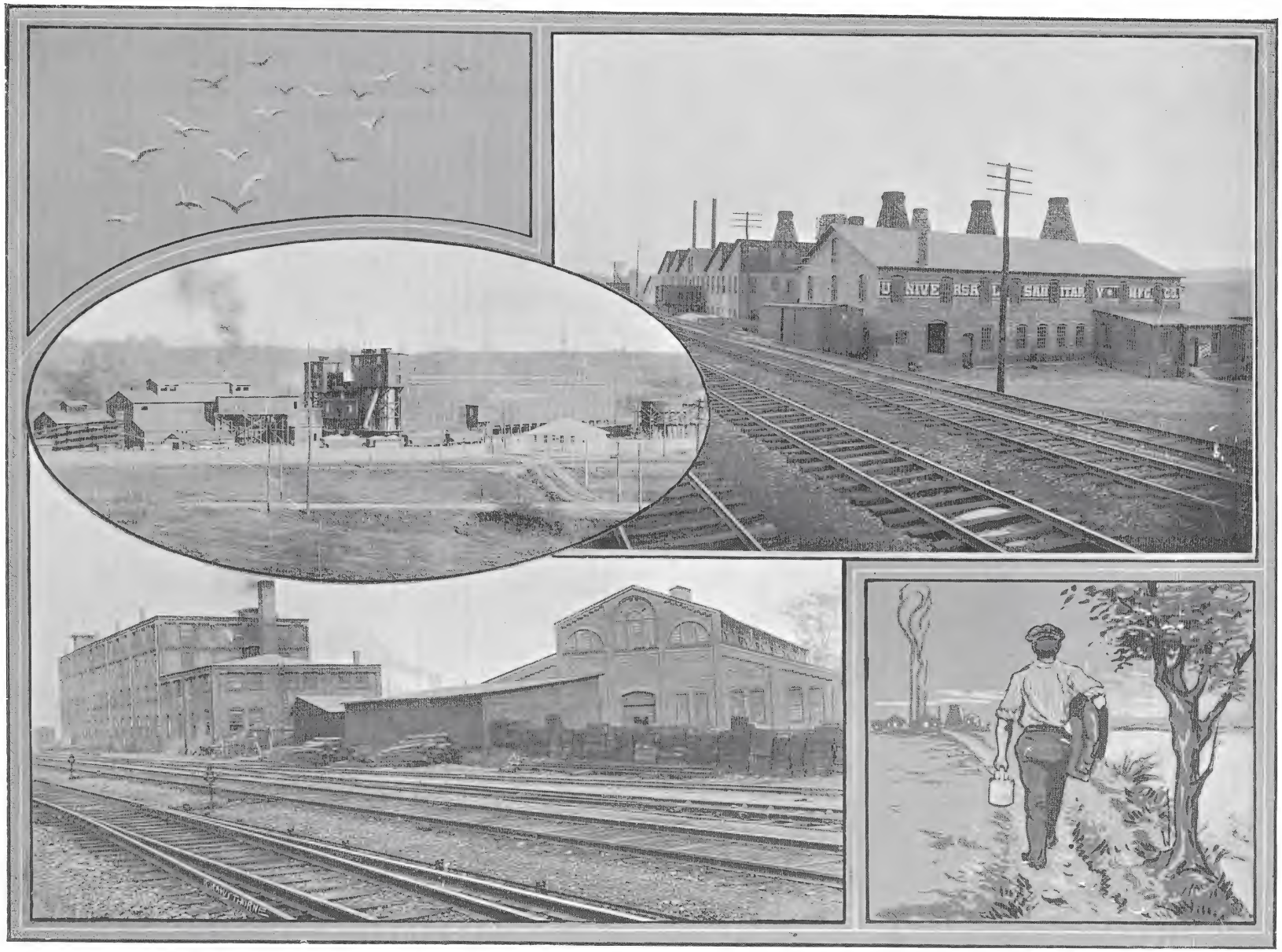
1—Leasure Ave. 2—Moody Ave. 3—Winter Ave. 4—Neshannock Boulevard. 5—Garfield Ave. 6—Grant Ave.



CARNEGIE STEEL MILL FLAG RAISING—RED JACKET FURNACE



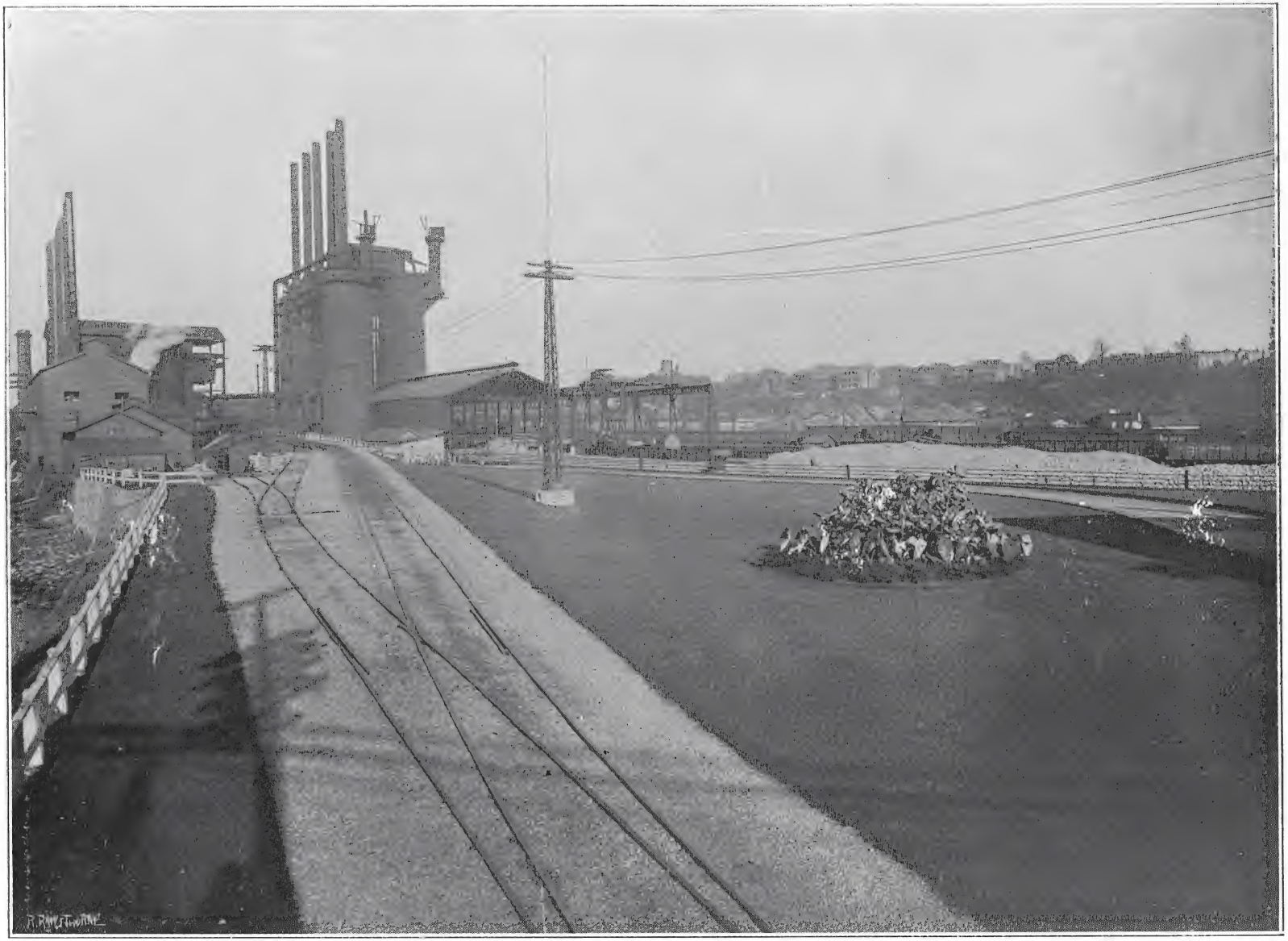
Nos. 1 and 5—Carnegie Steel Co., U. S. Steel Coropration. 1600 employees. No. 2—Atlantic Furnace. No. 3—Sheet and Tin Plate Mill, U. S. Steel Corporation. No. 4, left—Standard Steel Car Works. 400 employees. Center—Shenango Works, American Sheet and Tin Plate Co., U. S. Steel Corporation, largest Tin Mill in the World, covers 44 acres, main building 1400 feet long, 2500 employees. Right—American Can Co. and New Castle Rubber Co. Plants on this page employ five thousand workmen.



Upper—Grasselli Chemical Works. Lower—Pittsburgh Stove and Range Foundry.

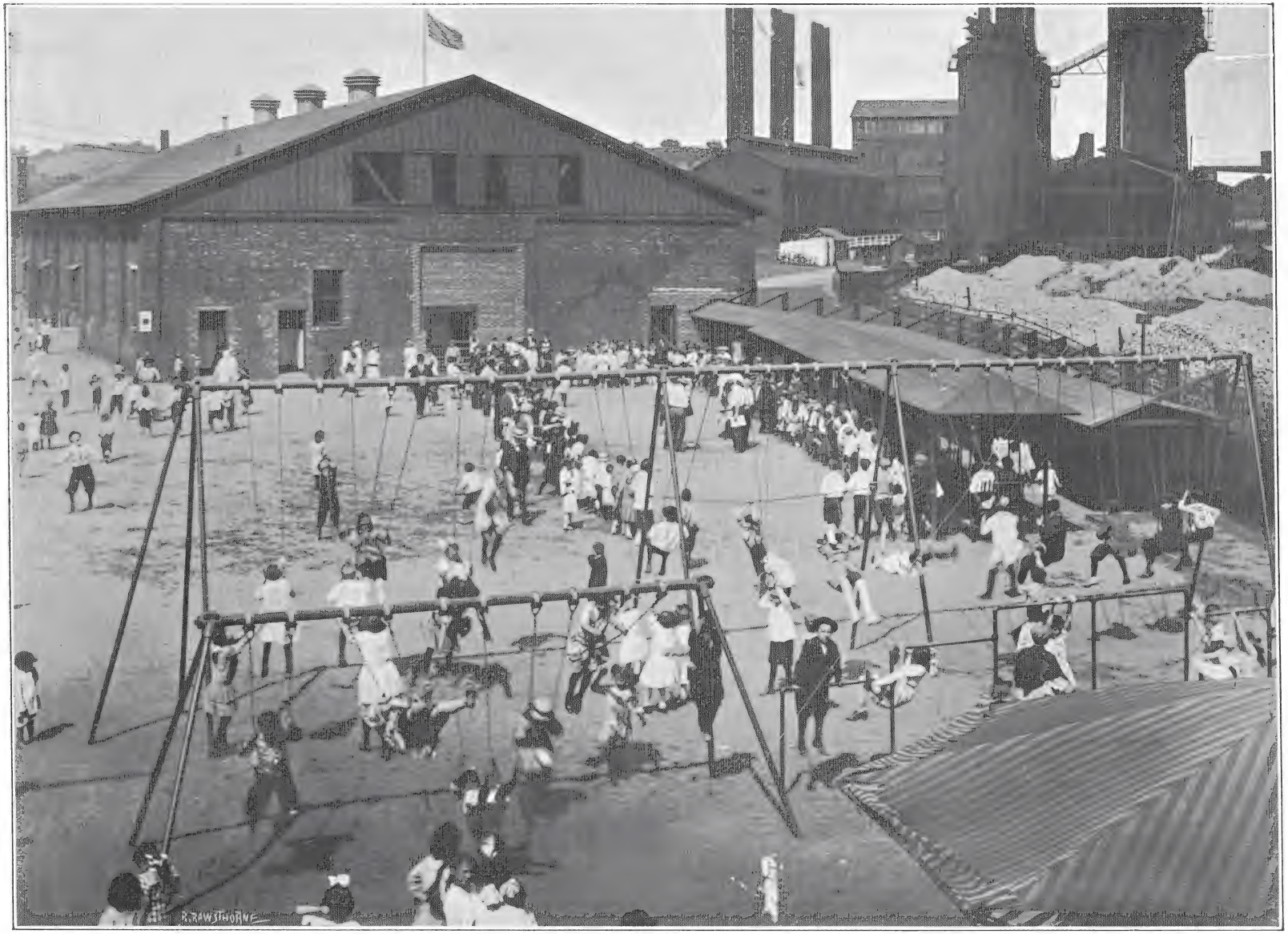
Universal Pottery.

RED JACKET FURNACE. OLD BLACK BRIDGE. (Washed away, flood 1913.) CARNEGIE STEEL MILL.



ROSENA FURNACE
Note the grass, flowers and general neatness of this Blast Furnace yard, a characteristic of the United States Steel Corporation

ROSENA FURNACE YARD— PLAY-GROUND THEATRE LEFT



CHILDREN'S MOVIE PICTURE THEATRE
IN BACKGROUND

PLAY-GROUNDS—CARNEGIE STEEL COMPANY
Attendance, Some Days, 2000 Children

MAINTAINED ENTIRELY BY
U. S. STEEL CORPORATION

CHILDREN'S PLAY-GROUNDS—CARNEGIE STEEL COMPANY (Average Attendance 1800 Children Daily

Oak Park Cemetery

GRACELAND CEMETERY

Summer on the North Hill

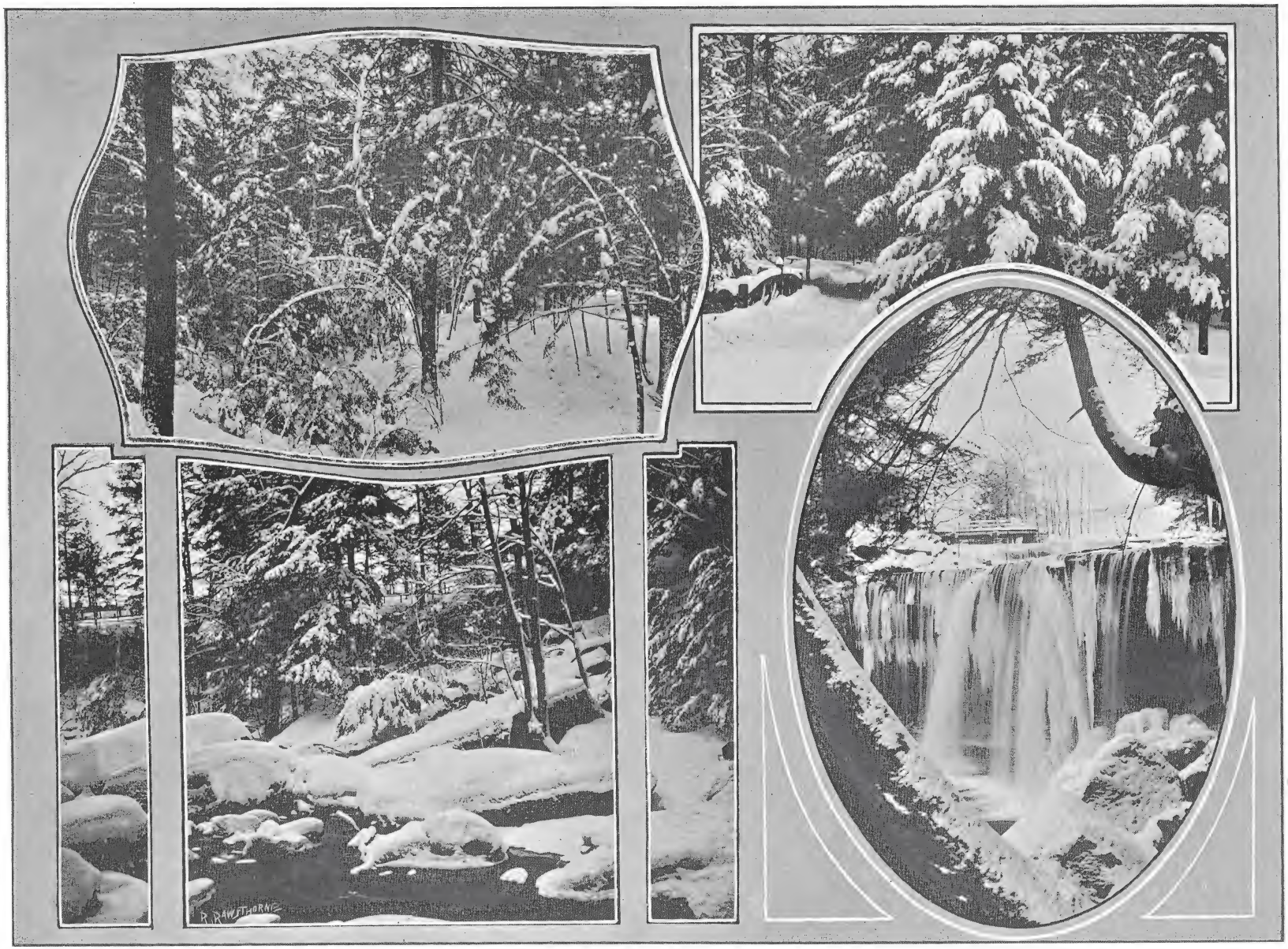
Winter on the North Hill

NESHANNOCK NARROWS

CLEN-MOORE BOULEVARD

CASCADE PARK

Cascade Park



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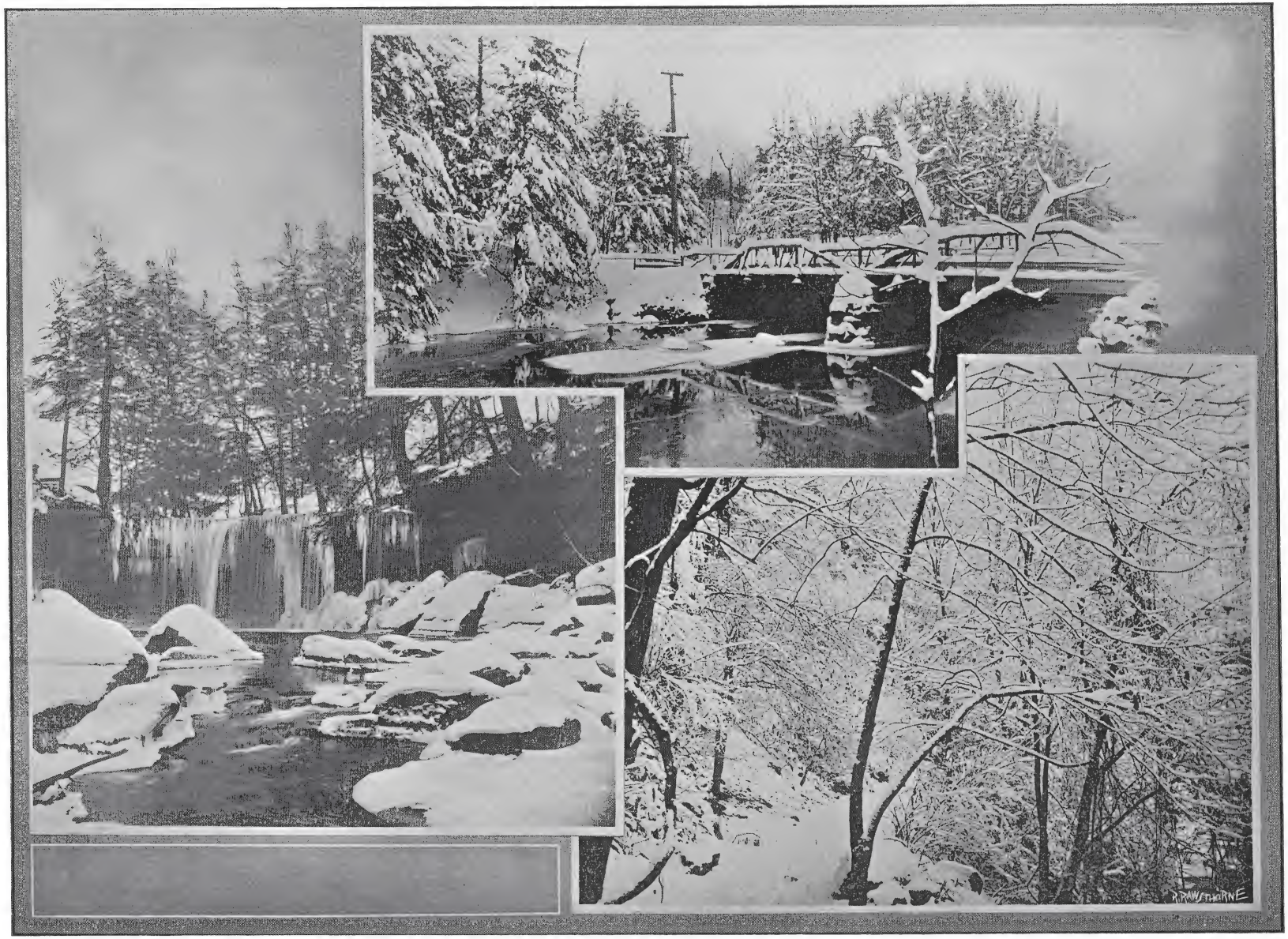

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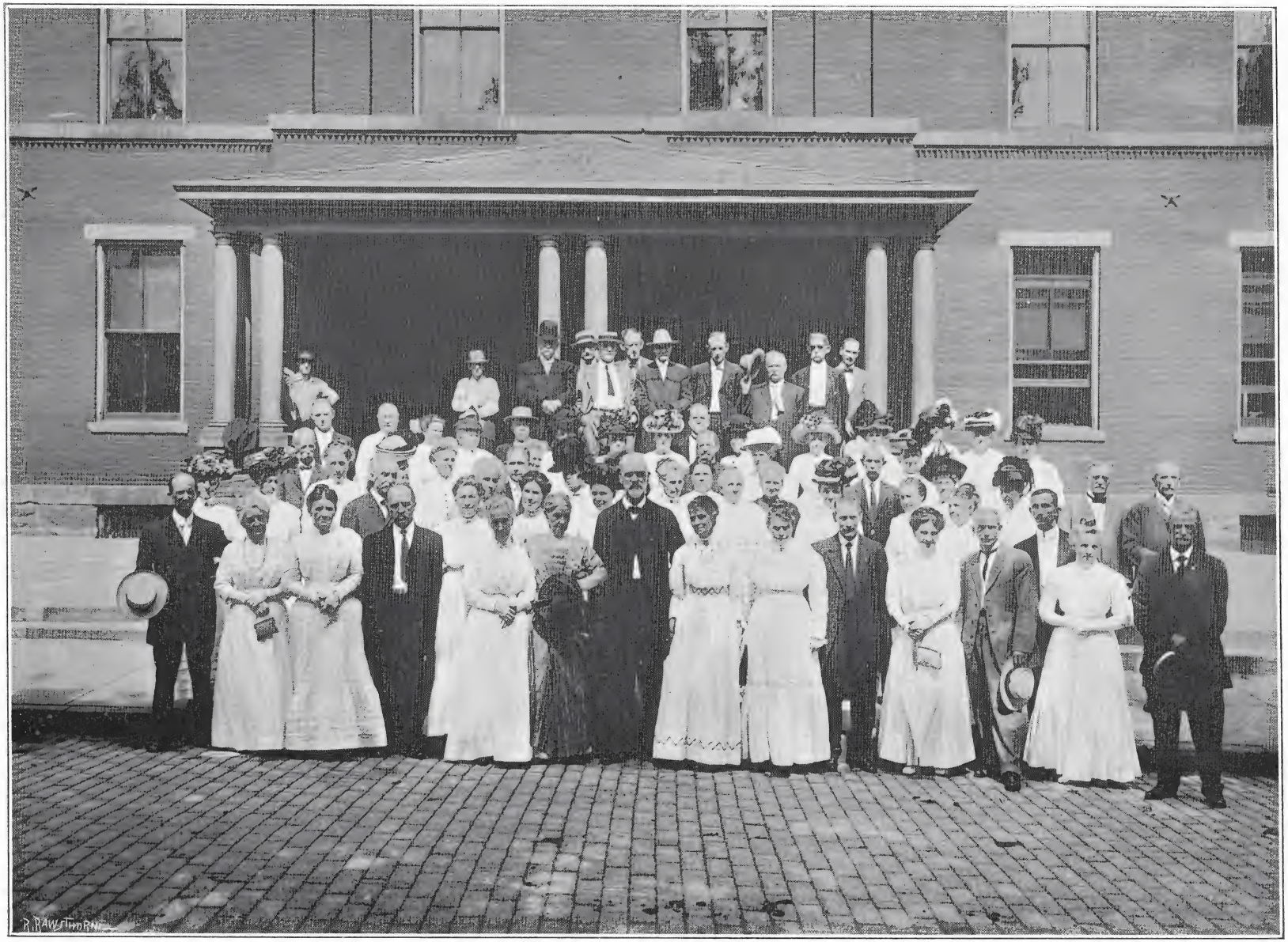

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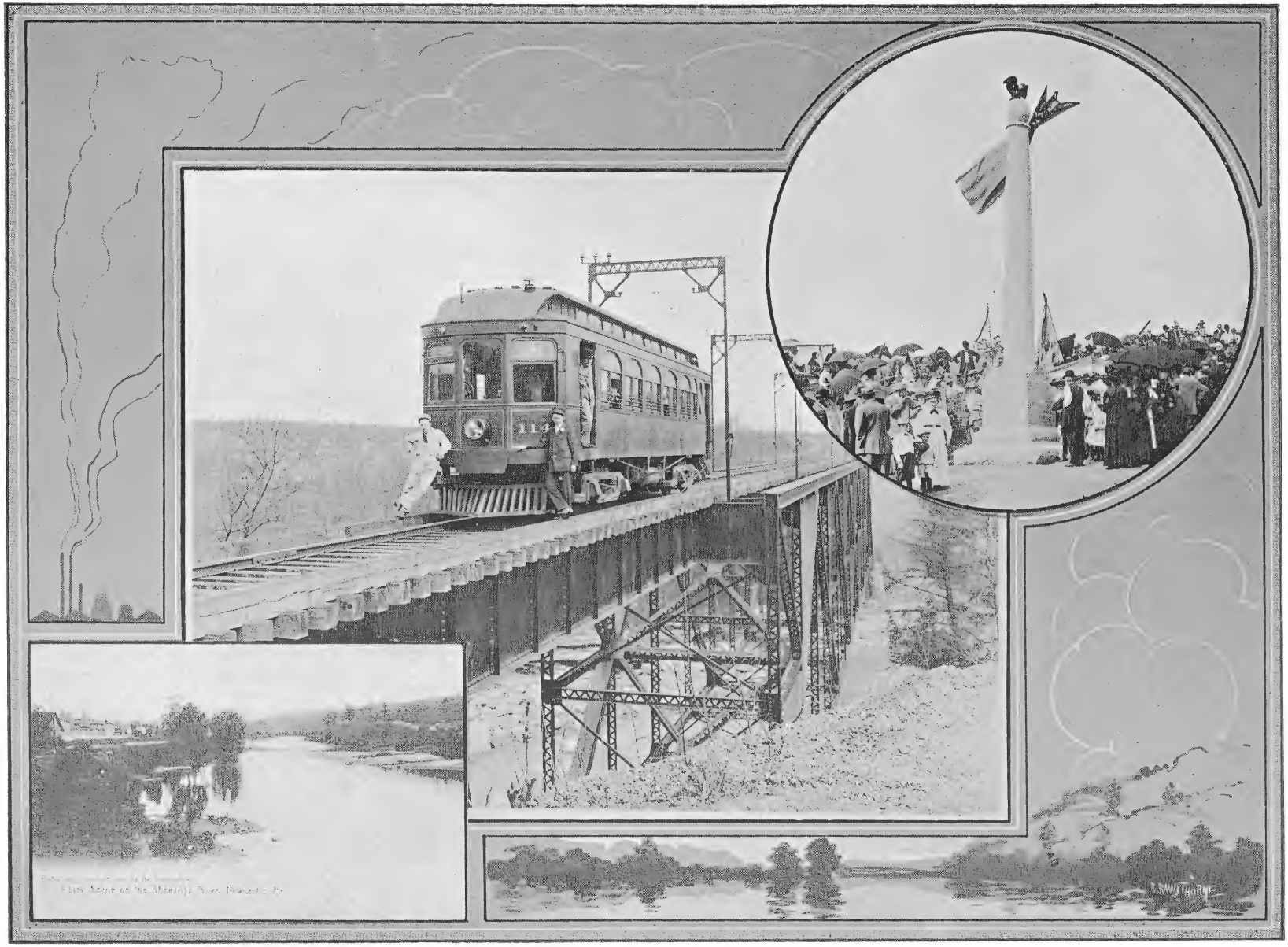

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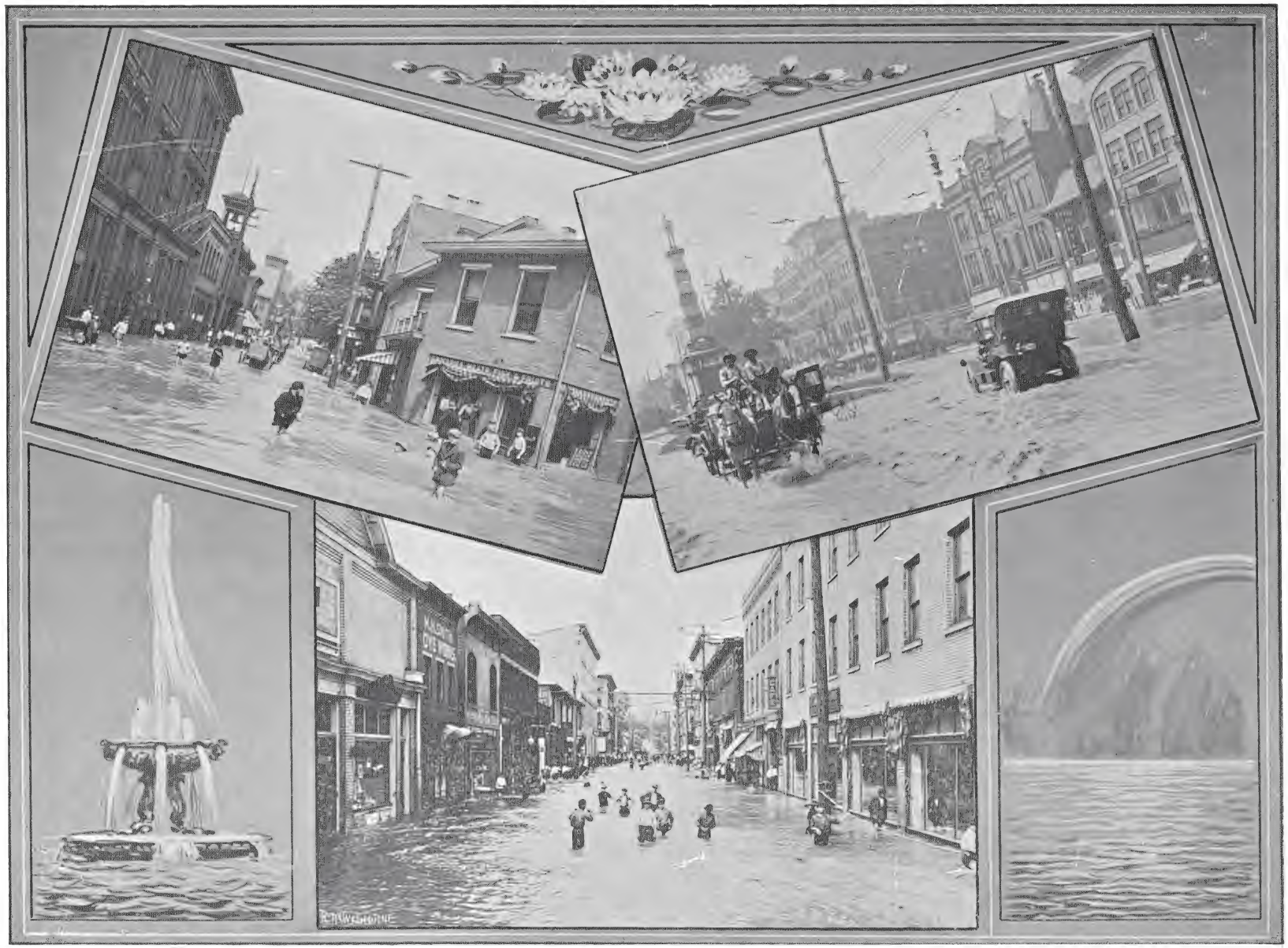

EAST AND WASHINGTON STS.

FLOOD 1913—SOUTH MILL ST.

UPPER—THE PARK

Upper—Leslie Hotel
Lower—Looking Towards Diamond from Mercer St.

FLOOD, 1913

Upper—Washington and Mercer Sts.
Lower—Shenango River at Grant Ave.

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Kennedy's
Scenes on the Slipperyrock Creek

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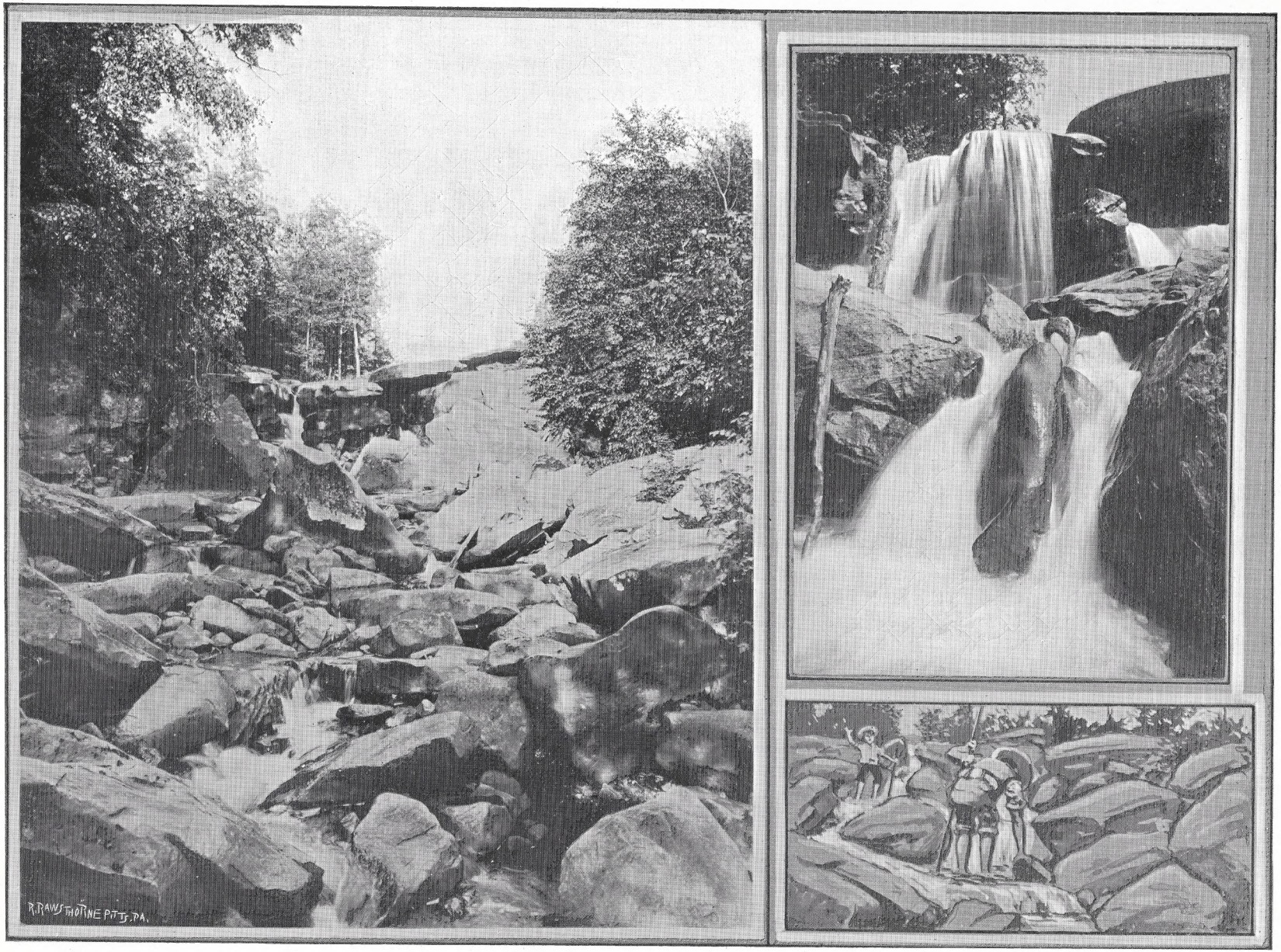

MUDDY CREEK

Old Timers Day, 1907—Cascade Park

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